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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS

AT ITS

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD AT

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Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1897.

REPRESENTATIVES' HALL, STATE HOUSE,
November 16, 1897, 7:30 p. m.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS was called to order by Grand Master George C. Rankin, with all the Grand Officers present, as follows:

GEORGE C. RANKIN.....Grand Master
CICERO J. LINDLY.....Deputy Grand Master
MELVIN P. BERRY.....Grand Warden
JAMES R. MILLER.....Grand Secretary
T. B. NEEDLES.....Grand Treasurer
E. S. CONWAY.....Grand Representative
J. O. HUMPHREY.....Grand Representative
REV. R. H. MCHENRY.....Grand Chaplain
H. T. PEMBERTON.....Grand Marshal
WILLIS MELVILLE.....Grand Conductor
B. F. GRAY.....Grand Guardian
L. V. RESSEGUIE.....Grand Herald

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The Grand Secretary announced a quorum of Representatives in attendance.

The Grand Master appointed assistants to the Grand Marshal, as follows:

Bros. Joseph Stoner, of No. 76; J. P. Moore, of No. 24; L. S. Whitcomb, of No. 156; J. Hampton Field, of No. 416; C. E. Paul, of No. 68; C. E. Overstake, of No. 787; W. H. Fenton, of No. 515; and A. M. Moore, of No. 112.

The Grand Marshal, with his assistants, having examined the members present, reported all correct.

The Opening Ode was sung, and the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Master, by order of the Grand Master, then proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for business.

On motion of Bro. Needles, the reading of the minutes of last session was dispensed with and the Journal as printed was adopted.

The printed Reports of the Grand Officers were presented, and, without reading, were referred to a special committee of three members for analysis and distribution.

The Grand Master announced the committee, as follows:

Committee on Analysis and Distribution—John R. Davis, of No. 4; James. E. Taylor, of No. 118; A. E. Peasley, of No. 616.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS: In compliance with the laws of the Order, I herewith submit to you this report of my official acts as Grand Master for the year now closing:

Condition of the Order.

It is gratifying to record that the condition of the Order is satisfactory and flourishing in every respect. It is true that there has been no remarkable increase in the number of Lodges, or in membership, but I believe the Brotherhood in this great jurisdiction is stronger and closer together than ever, and understands more clearly the great principles of the Order; and strives at all times, and under all circumstances to exemplify them. The immense good the Order has accomplished, and is still doing, is better recognized by the public, and due credit is more graciously given than formerly.

New Lodges.

The lodges instituted during my administration are as follows:

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.	Instituted.	Deputy.
872.	Miller	Payson	Adams	Feb. 5, 1897	Thos. Ferrier
873.	Lincoln Park	Chicago	Cook	Jan. 23, 1897	C. Ripley Tuttle
874.	Carrier Mills	Carrier Mills	Saline	Feb. 22, 1897	James W. Rose
875.	Van Buren	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 7, 1897	J. P. Ellacott
876.	Nathan	Alma	Marion	Mar. 30, 1897	O. S. Lee
877.	Mendon	Mendon	Adams	May 7, 1897	J. W. Fletcher
878.	White City	Chicago	Cook	May 1, 1897	C. Ripley Tuttle
879.	Sherwood	Keyesport	Clinton	June 28, 1897	R. K. Dewey
880.	Huntley	Huntley	McHenry	Aug. 16, 1897	Geo. E. Waterman
881.	New Berlin	New Berlin	Sangamon	Oct. 22, 1897	C. R. Coon

NEW REBEKAH LODGES.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.	Instituted.	Deputy.
14.	Melrose	Greenville	Bond	Feb. 16. 1897	Mrs. May D. Stone
92.	Petersburg	Petersburg	Menard	Dec. 28. 1896.	Eva R. Withey
456	Marjorie	Seaton	Mercer	Jan. 7. 1897	Kate A. Noble
465.	Mistletoe	Batavia	Kane	Nov. 30. 1896	Nellie L. Harris
466.	Ornate	Elkville	Jackson	Dec. 17. 1896	J. A Pool.
467.	Mt. Vernon.	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	" 7. 1896	Nannie L. Williams
470.	Queen of the West	Chicago	Cook	Nov. 21. 1896	Nellie L Harris
472.	Mill Shoals	Mill Shoals	White	Jan. 7. 1897	Rebekah Naney
473.	Roxana	Herscher	Kankakee	" 20. 1897	Louisa Oertlin
474.	Princess	Holl'wayville	Bureau	" 29. 1897	Susan Elam.
475	Alton	Alton	Madison	" 20. 1897	Eva R. Withey
476	Nile	Victoria	Knox	Feb. 12. 1897	S. W. Grubb.
477.	Juanita	Granite City	Madison	" 9. 1897	Mrs. May D. Stone
479.	Clifton	Kansas	Edgar	" 19. 1897	Lizzie K. Barnett
480	Patoka	Patoka	Marion	" 19. 1897	Flora Foster
481.	Sunshine	Ravenswood	Cook	" 25. 1897	Nellie L. Harris
482.	Colvin	Cisne	Wayne	" 25. 1897	Rebekah Naney
483	Shannon	Shannon	Carroll	Mar. 9. 1897	Joseph Haller
484.	Blue Mound	Blue Mound	Macon	" 9. 1897	Mrs. L. W. Fribourg
485.	Wisdom.	Niantic	Macon	" 31. 1897	Mrs. Alice Fribourg
486.	Palestine	Palestine	Crawford	" 26. 1897	Mrs. Mollie Maxedon
487.	Baylis	Baylis	Pike	" 11. 1897	George R. Haines
488.	Tirzah	Aurora	Kane	" 26. 1897	Mrs. May D. Stone
489.	Hiawatha.	Cooksville	McLean.	April 7. 1897	Mrs. Lizzie Gilmore
490.	White Lily	Rinard	Wayne	" 19. 1897	Lola L. Rickard
491.	Rising Sun	Smithboro	Bond	" 23. 1897	Mrs. May D Stone
492	North Star	Capron	Boone.	" 24. 1897	Mrs. H. Weston
493	Dew Drop	Spring Valley	Bureau	" 21. 1897	Susan Elam.
494.	Trilby	Grant Park	Kankakee	" 14. 1897	Nellie L. Harris
495.	Mary B. Stevens	Robinson	Crawford	May 20. 1897	Mollie D. Maxedon
496.	Orient	Palmer	Christian	April 20. 1897	Priscilla V. Black
497.	Halcyon	Beverly.	Adams	June 4. 1897	Mrs. Etta Lake
498.	Triple Tie	Bureau	Bureau	May 27. 1897	Mrs. Belle Wood
499.	Golden Star	Ridge Farm	Vermilion	June 4. 1897	Lizzie K. Barnett
500.	Martha	Johnsonville	Wayne	" 3. 1897	Rebekah Naney
501	Tamaroa	Tamaroa	Perry	" 16. 1897	R. W. S. Wheatley
502.	Hasleline.	LaSalle.	LaSalle	" 14. 1897	Theo. Weberling
503.	Hesperides	Chrisman	Edgar	" 30. 1897	Mrs. W. O. Roach
504.	Edgiva	West Point	Hancock	July 9. 1897	Miss Jennie Lyon
505.	Violet.	Riverton.	Sangamon	Aug. 28. 1897	Mrs. Eva R. Withey
506	Pontoosuc	Pontoosuc	Hancock	Oct. 11. 1897	Ginevra Bush
507.	Jessamine	Bowen	Hancock	.....	Miss Jennie Lyon
508.	Greenfield	Greenfield	Greene	.....	David Culbertson

Consolidations.

Winterrowd Lodge No. 869, of Winterrowd, and Lucas Lodge No. 828, of Elliotstown, were consolidated under the name of Winterrowd Lodge No. 869, of Winterrowd, Brother W. L. Goodell, of Effingham, officiating as special deputy.

Lodges Closed.

SUBORDINATE.

Toluca Lodge No. 818, Toluca.
Nunda Lodge No. 701, Nunda.
Stonington Lodge No. 695, Stonington.
Tonti Lodge No. 399, Ottawa.
Hoopeston Lodge No. 498, Hoopeston.

REBEKAH.

Omega Lodge No. 280, Simpson.
Shipman Lodge No. 238, Shipman.
Hutsonville Lodge No. 216, Hutsonville.
Noble Lodge No. 62, Gifford.
Fern Leaf Lodge No. 179, Dunlap.
Sweet Home Lodge No. 189, Mason City.
Queen Lodge No. 227, Chicago.
North Alton Lodge No. 271, North Alton.

Organization of New Lodges.

I desire to emphasize the suggestions of previous Grand Masters in relation to the importance of changing the law so that the institution of new Lodges may be encouraged and paid for from the Grand Lodge funds. Other organizations do this, and in order to successfully compete with them, we must also finally do so, or suffer them to outstrip us in the future, in my judgment. Many fields are ripe for an official institutor, and in many excellent localities where we are not now represented, a good officer would soon be able to organize splendid Lodges with good material, if he were assured of a reasonable compensation for his time. The increased number of Lodges and membership would more than repay us for any necessary expenditure connected with the institution of such new Lodges. I trust the Grand Lodge will give this proposition due consideration, and will adopt some measures looking towards the institution of Lodges and memberships in towns and cities where we are not represented at all, or not as largely as we should be. The weaker Lodges should also be looked after, and if they cannot be strengthened, they should be closed, as they are not creditable to the Order.

Dedications.

Many new halls have been erected and dedicated during the past year, notwithstanding the stringent times, and in most cases such buildings are handsome, comfortable, and a credit to the Order, and will have an influence to benefit the Lodges in their vicinity. I have officiated at dedications at Evanston, Springfield, and Camp Point.

Reinstatements.

Dispensations have been granted to reinstate expelled members, on proper applications of the Lodges, as follows: J. T. McClelland, Loraine Lodge No. 641; W. O. Funk, Kickapoo Lodge No. 90; Almer H. Smith, Olio Lodge No. 311; John Backinghouse, Opal Lodge No. 99; Allen Highsmith, Prairie Lodge No. 20; Henry Ator, Ambrosia Lodge No. 778.

Special Sessions of Grand Lodge.

Special sessions of the Grand Lodge were held at Effingham, on April 26; at Rushville, on April 28; at Springfield, on Sept. 20 and 21, and on Nov. 16, for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge degree.

Proclamations.

In addition to the proclamations calling special sessions of the Grand Lodge, others were issued as follows:

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

To all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.—Greeting:

WHEREAS, The Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge has issued his proclamation for the observance of the Seventy-eighth Anniversary of Odd Fellowship, in which he directs all Grand and Subordinate bodies in the jurisdiction of the Order to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the 26th day of April, by suitable exercises in observance of the day, and by thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifold mercies to us individually and collectively; now, therefore,

I, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F., do most earnestly request all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of this jurisdiction, by proper public exercises on the 26th day of April, 1897, or a day approximate thereto, to celebrate the Seventy-eighth Anniversary of the founding of our beloved Order in the United States of America, and I do hereby grant permission to all such Lodges to wear the regalia of the Order upon said occasion, subject to the restrictions of our laws.

We should give thanks to Almighty God for the general prosperity, health and happiness that surround us; for that great blessing, the Orphans' Home at Lincoln, where are cared for, educated and surrounded by loving Christian influences, the children of our departed brothers and sisters; that during this year, in this jurisdiction, we will establish a fitting companion for it, the Old Folks' Home, a haven of rest for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives and Daughters of Rebekah. Let us thank Him for pleasant blessings and pray for His future guidance.

Done at Monmouth, Ill., this 25th day of March, A. D. 1897, and of our Order the 78th.

GEO. C. RANKIN,
Grand Master.

Attest:
JAS. R. MILLER,
Grand Secretary.

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

To the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

GREETING: In compliance with the standing resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the proclamation of Grand Sire Carleton, I, George C. Rankin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Illinois, do hereby request all Subordinate and

Rebekah Lodges, whose ranks have been invaded by death, to assemble on the second Tuesday of June next, being the 8th day of June, 1897 (or on such other day as may be more convenient), and engage in appropriate memorial services in tribute to the memory of their deceased members.

The general dispensation to parade in regalia on said Memorial Day is hereby granted to all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Done at the City of Monmouth, this 8th day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and of our Order the seventy-eighth year.

GEORGE C. RANKIN.
Grand Master.

Attest:
JAS. R. MILLER,
Grand Secretary.

Reciprocal Arrangements.

I have corresponded with the Grand Masters of Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin concerning reciprocal arrangements between the grand jurisdictions whereby persons may unite with Lodges more convenient to their residence, regardless of State lines. All have viewed the plan with favor, and in several jurisdictions the Grand Lodge has taken action, but in others the arrangement has not been officially indorsed. I suggest that the Grand Lodge appoint a committee to recommend suitable action to be taken towards perfecting reciprocal arrangements with sister jurisdictions of adjoining States.

Daily Journal.

The Daily Journal of the Grand Lodge has proven to be a great convenience, and I do not think that any representative who has once enjoyed its benefits desires a change from the present arrangement. I suggest that the Daily Journal be continued for next year, on account of its many benefits and conveniences to the members of the Grand Lodge and the Order generally.

Grand Secretary's Office.

The following resolutions, appearing on page 237 of the Journal of 1896, and the report of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee, on page 274, constituting, the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer a committee to carry the same into effect, were adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

WHEREAS, In the construction of the splendid temple now in process of erection, the Odd Fellows of the City of Springfield give evidence of that commendable spirit of progress which so much characterizes our noble Order, and is so worthy of commendation and encouragement; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be, and they are hereby, authorized to secure suitable rooms and ample vaults for the archives and office of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge in said building, and on the best terms that can be obtained.

Resolved, That the term of years for which a lease of these rooms shall be had be left to the judgment of the Grand Officers named, as upon such term of years the rental value will be largely based.

Under the above instructions the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and myself visited and thoroughly examined the Odd Fellows' building, and secured quarters for the office of the Grand Secretary on the fourth floor of said building at a rental of $50.00 per month.

The rooms covered by the lease were numbered originally from 405 to 411, inclusive, 414 and 415, and a large brick vault, all on the west side of the fourth floor of said building. The rooms were found to be too small for the conveniences of the offices of the Grand Secretary, and accordingly several partitions were removed, thus making fewer rooms, but occupying the same space. The room covered by this lease is about twice the space ever occupied by the Grand Secretary in prior leases, and has been greatly needed for years, as all Brothers having occasion to visit the offices during the Grand Lodge sessions will testify. In order to secure the best terms possible, a five-year lease was taken.

The lease was signed on the 26th day of December, 1896, and the term of years was from March 1st, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the building wonld be ready for occupancy, to the first day of March, 1902, A. D.

The building was not sufficiently completed to warrant the Grand Secretary in moving into the new quarters until the first of May, 1897, at which time the offices were removed. The carpets and part of the furniture in the offices were almost worthless, having been used for many years, and the enlarged quarters necessitated the expenditure of about $300.00 in new furnishings. We believe that all who visit the new quarters will agree that the Order now has offices which reflect credit upon the great Order of Odd Fellows in Illinois, and at a reasonable expense to the Fraternity.

Grand Lodge Printing.

The Printing Committee of the Grand Lodge is a very important committee, and should, as far as possible, be composed of practical printers and business men of good judgment. The present Printing Committee has had supervision of the printing of the Code and other work of vast importance, and I desire to compliment the members of that committee for their able, intelligent and untiring efforts in transacting the business of the Grand Lodge in their department.

Revised Code.

In accordance with the instructions of the last Grand Lodge, the Illinois Code, revised by Bro. Charles S. Thornton, has been published and is now ready for distribution. Its publication has been unavoidably delayed, but I believe such delay was for the best interests of the Order, as it has permitted a more careful examination of the work and prevented many errors which might otherwise have crept in. While it cannot be expected to be perfect, yet I believe it to be a reasonably correct exposition of our laws, and one copy should be supplied to each Lodge at once, and the Lodge officers should be instructed to read and study such laws, so that they may be qualified to discharge their duties properly and legally. Bro. Thornton has displayed much legal ability, and labored faithfully and long in executing this trust, and he merits the highest approval of this Grand Lodge. Realizing the great and lasting importance of this work, I designated Bros. J. R. Kewley, P. G. C., C. F. Mansfield, P. G. M., and H. A. Stone, P. G. M., to examine the Code carefully. This duty they did conscientiously and well, and they should be paid their reasonable charges for their services. Their report is as follows:

August 2, 1897.

George C. Rankin, Grand Master, I. O. O. F., Monmouth, Ill.:

Dear Sir and Brother: In accordance with your directions, the undersigned Brothers and Committee selected by you visited the home of Brother Thornton, in Chicago, and thoroughly examined the Code as revised by Brother Thornton; Brother Stone confining his examination to that part of the Code pertaining to the Rebekah branch of the Order; Brothers Kewley and Mansfield extending their examination to every page and line of the Code. We find that the Code, as prepared, is a very superior work, and will commend itself to the Jurisdiction of Illinois. Brother Thornton has exercised great wisdom in reconciling the different pieces of legislation that were conflicting. It would be marvelous if no mistakes should have crept into the work, but so far as your committee are able to report, there are no mistakes, unless they have escaped our scrutiny, and upon completion of our examination, we recommended Brother Charles S. Thornton and the Printing Committee to proceed with their work of printing and publishing the book. We have given to this work a great deal of time. Brother Stone gave some four or five days' time, while Brothers Kewley and Mansfield gave about fifteen days' time to the work—working from early in the morning until very late at night, we were able to cover the work in that length of time.

Very fraternally yours,

J. R. Kewley,
Henry A. Stone,
C. F. Mansfield,
Committee.

Official Instructors.

Numerous schools of instruction have been held during the year, and much good has been accomplished in perfecting officers and brothers in the unwritten work. Grand Representative Walter E. Carlin, Chief Official Instructor, has been indefatigable in striving to raise the standard of the Lodges, in which he has been ably assisted by the corps of official examiners and instructors. I desire to thank Brother Carlin and the official examiners and instructors for their good work during the past year, and I am sure they have kept the standard of Illinois high among other jurisdictions in the matter of the unwritten work of the Order.

The Rebekah Branch.

This branch of the Order has been especially prosperous under the wise administration of Sister May D. Stone, President of the Rebekah Assembly. She has been ready in every emergency, and has invariably acquitted herself with great credit personally, and to this great Order. Much of the success of this branch during the past year must be attributed to her earnest and intelligent labors and wise counsel. Too much praise cannot be given to the sisters of this State for their great work of benevolence and charity, for the splendid manner in which they exemplify the principles of the Order, and their unselfish labors in the cause of humanity. In recent years I think they have accomplished great good in encouraging and inspiring the subordinates and thus strengthening the Order, maintaining its standard and increasing its power for good throughout the State.

Relief Granted.

In compliance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge (Grand Lodge Journal 1896, page 268), I granted $100.00 for the relief of Brother Richard Bell, of Travelers' Rest Lodge No. 220, Gillespie. I also granted relief in other worthy and urgent cases where the Lodge had exhausted its means, as follows: $50.00 to William Murkins, of Ramsey Lodge No. 438, Ramsey, who lost everything he possessed by fire; $50.00 to William Addison, of Marion Lodge No. 13, Mt. Vernon, to pay the expense of an operation on his wife in order to save her life; $75 00 to Agnes Kiel, of Altona Rebekah Lodge No. 60, "helpless as a child from rheumatism," to pay her expenses to the Mud Springs; $75.00 to John Booton, of Youngstown Lodge No. 813, Youngstown, afflicted with cancer; $100.00 to Brother Singleman, of South Western Lodge No. 484, Chicago, sick with consumption, and himself and family in need and distress. The circumstances of these appeals were so distressing that I could not refuse them, and I believe this Grand Body will approve my course dictated by the principles of the Order.

Appeals for Aid.

Numerous petitions have been received asking for permission to appeal to the Lodges of the jurisdiction for aid to build halls, to pay indebtedness of Lodges, and to pay losses by fire. I considered it to be my duty to deny these petitions with one exception, believing that they were not cases that would warrant such permission. The exception was the Grape Creek case. Sister Charlotte Roberts and Brother Edward Roberts lost their homes and all their other property by fire, and were nobly assisted by the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of that village. They were utterly unable, however, to furnish the necessary aid, and I granted permission to Grape Creek Lodge No. 632, to appeal to the Lodges of the State for aid for the brother and sister in distress, having first made a thorough investigation of the necessities of the case through my special deputy, J. N. Scearce, of Danville. Brother Joseph Fairhall was appointed treasurer of the fund, and gave the necessary bond for the faithful discharge of his duties. He has made a detailed report, and remitted to me the sum of $126.01, being the surplus after providing homes for the brother and sister. I have approved his report, which is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Donations from Lodges	$713 94
Donation from Brother Jacob Yapp	1 00
Donation from Brother Jacob Yapp	1 50
Donation from Brother W. Ashby	5 00
Donation from Brother Geo. Stuthard	60
Advanced by White Oaks R. D. 314	27 00
Advanced by Grape Creek R. D. 632	10 00
	$759 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Lumber	$279 14
Carpentering	92 20
Plastering and masonry	105 61
Painting	25 00
Hardware and furnishings	23 44
Repaid White Oaks R. D. Lodge 314	27 00
Repaid Grape Creek 632	10 00
Furniture	25 00
Stamps	35 84
Printing	7 25
Sundries	2 55
Handed to Grand Master	126 01
	$759 04

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges	$713 94
From other sources	45 10
	$759 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Building:	$525 39
Repaid advances	37 00
Furniture	25 00
Stamps, printing, etc	45 64
Paid over to G. M	126 01
	$759 04

Respectfully submitted.

DR. JOSEPH FAIRHALL,
Treasurer Relief Fund.

Examined and found correct.

J. N. SCEARCE,
Deputy Grand Master.

I have also examined above report and find same to be correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. C. RANKIN,
Grand Master.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Am't.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Am't.
5	Wildey	$1 00	89	Tonnaluka	1 00
6	Sangamon	2 00	91	Edgar	1 00
9	Union	1 00	93	Waverly	1 00
12	Quincy	1 00	95	Pittsfield	1 00
13	Marion	2 00	96	Stark	2 00
14	St. Charles	1 00	98	Olive	1 00
16	Ark	1 00	100	Jeptha	1 00
17	Galena	1 00	101	La Salle	1 00
18	Rock Island	1 00	102	Arcanus	2 00
21	Columbia	1 00	104	Prairie State	1 00
25	Neilson	1 00	105	Sycamore	1 00
28	Big Thunder	1 00	106	Hutsonville	1 00
29	Powhan	1 00	109	Fort Clark	1 60
30	Winnesheik	1 00	111	Middle Fork	1 00
31	Winnebago	1 00	120	Fair View	1 00
32	Fairfield	1 55	121	Franklin	1 00
33	Hardin	1 00	124	Crawford	1 00
37	Nashville	1 00	125	Pearl	1 00
38	Erie	1 00	138	New Philadelphia	1 00
43	Madison	2 00	139	Urbana	1 00
45	Waubonsie	1 00	140	Social	1 00
47	Kane	1 00	141	Will	1 00
48	Covenant	1 00	145	Military Tract	1 00
50	Carroll	1 00	150	Redmon	1 00
51	Fulton	1 00	153	York	2 15
52	Sparta	1 00	154	Sylvan	2 00
57	Chester	1 00	161	Newton	1 00
58	Rob't Blum	2 00	162	Newark	1 00
62	Georgetown	2 00	166	Teutonia	1 00
65	Decatur	1 00	171	Little Rock	1 00
67	Safford	2 00	172	Geneseo	2 00
68	Saxon	1 00	173	Pecatonica	1 00
69	Danville	10 00	174	Sterling	2 00
70	Pioneer	2 00	176	Logan	1 00
72	Irene	1 00	179	Queen City	1 00
74	Iroquois	1 00	187	Danby	1 00
75	Star	1 00	193	Tranquil	1 00
77	Remembrance	1 00	195	Greenfield	1 00
80	Harvey	1 00	196	Calumet	1 00
81	Naperville	1 00	198	Colfax	1 00
83	Amicita	1 00	199	Cambridge	1 00
84	Columbus	1 00	200	Schiller	1 00
85	Dallas	1 00	204	Lincoln	1 00
86	Chosen Friends	1 00	207	Silvam	1 00
87	Six Mile	1 00	208	Onarga	2 00
88	Lacon	1 00	210	Mercer	2 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Am't.
213	Orphans' Hope	$1 25
215	Camp Point	1 00
217	Cicero	5 00
221	Harmonia	1 00
224	Alexander	2 00
225	Sidell	5 00
227	Benevolent	1 00
229	Illinois City	1 00
230	Hickory Grove	1 00
231	Praha	1 00
232	Hope	1 00
234	West Jersey	1 00
235	Monitor	1 00
236	Aledo	1 00
237	Treasury	2 59
239	Freeport	5 00
240	Cook County	1 00
243	Urania	2 00
244	Wyoming	2 00
246	Maywood	1 00
250	Mound City	1 00
253	Farmers	1 00
256	Maquon	1 00
257	Grove	1 00
259	Ridgely	1 00
260	Coles County	1 00
264	De Soto	1 00
267	Iris	2 00
273	Bible Grove	1 00
281	Wicker Park	1 00
283	Wenona	1 00
284	Charity	1 00
285	Egypt's Star	1 00
286	Humboldt	1 00
287	Liberty	1 00
290	Livingston	1 00
292	Golconda	1 00
295	Western	1 00
298	Tonica	2 00
303	Concordia	1 00
307	Elkhart	1 00
309	Browning	1 00
311	Olio	1 00
314	Maroa	1 00
316	Tuscola	1 00
317	Butler	1 00
319	Guiding Star	1 00
321	Steuben	1 00
322	Bushnell	2 00
325	Reliance	1 00
328	Central Park	2 00
333	Champaign	1 00
334	Adar	1 00
336	Barry	1 00
337	Mason City	2 00
339	Bell Air	1 00
341	Oak	1 00
343	Dongola	1 00
344	Irwin	2 00
345	Mozart	2 00
346	Cerro Gordo	1 15
348	Palmyra	1 00
349	Sheldon	50
350	Carlinville	3 00
352	Albion	1 00
354	Rosedale	1 00
357	Gem City	1 00
359	Elliott	3 00
361	John Ericsson	3 00
362	Congress	2 00
364	Mizpah	1 00
366	Brighton	1 00
368	Atheneville	1 00
369	Enterprise	1 00
371	Bardolph	1 00
372	J. R. Scroggs	1 00
76	Davis	1 00
77	Minonk	1 00
378	Spring Valley	$1 00
383	Clover	1 00
387	Chenoa	1 00
388	North Western	1 00
389	Garden City	2 00
394	Rome	1 00
395	Alliance	1 00
400	Bloomington	3 00
402	Eagle	2 00
403	Selah	1 00
406	Robert Brooker	1 00
408	Galva	1 00
409	Rose	1 00
411	Allemania	1 00
412	Bentley	1 00
413	Taylorville	1 00
414	Superior	1 00
417	Beacon Light	1 00
418	Paxton	1 00
421	Greenwood	1 00
423	Greenview	1 00
424	Rock Creek	1 00
426	Crescent	2 00
431	O'Fallon	1 00
432	Douglas	3 00
434	Mt. Carbon	1 00
438	Ramsey	1 00
446	First Scandinavian	1 00
448	South Englewood	1 00
451	Syria	1 00
452	Relief	1 00
454	Mount Pulaski	1 00
456	Otterville	1 00
457	Model	1 00
458	Sincerity	1 00
464	Odell	2 00
465	Springfield	2 00
466	Upper Alton	1 00
469	Newman	1 00
470	Myrtle	1 00
471	Piper	1 00
473	Sidney	1 00
474	Beethoven	1 00
475	Crab Orchard	2 00
479	First Swedish	1 00
482	Noble	1 00
483	Heyworth	1 00
485	Manufacturers	1 00
488	South Park	5 00
489	Morning Star	1 00
492	Tolono	1 00
693	Rucker	1 00
496	A. C. Marsh	1 00
499	Feuerbach	1 00
501	Palmer	1 00
502	Corinth	1 00
504	Creal Springs	1 00
507	Auguste	1 00
508	Sinnissippi	1 00
512	Chromo	1 00
514	Argus	1 00
518	New Windsor	1 00
520	Tennessee	1 00
521	Silver Link	2 00
522	Woodlawn	1 00
523	Marietta	1 00
528	Goreville	1 00
529	Mahomet	1 00
533	Sato	1 00
535	Marblehead	1 00
536	Venus	2 00
538	Catlin	5 00
543	Auburn	1 00
545	Oakland	1 00
546	Washburn	1 00
552	Sciota	1 00
554	Lily	1 00
559	Grateful	1 50

No.	Name of Lodge.	Am't.
560	Neponset	$1 00
563	Lecture	1 00
564	Oakwood	1 00
565	Pellsville	2 00
570	Undine	1 00
571	Hindsboro	50
572	Gem	60
573	Badger Spring	1 00
575	Buda	1 00
576	Fidelity	1 00
577	Monmouth	1 00
579	Bradford	1 00
580	Ashkum	5 00
588	New Athens	1 00
589	Brothers	1 00
590	Advance	1 50
591	Biggsville	1 00
593	Lovington	1 00
596	Kemper	1 00
598	Wataga	2 00
600	Dove	1 00
601	Loyal	2 00
604	Timothy	1 00
607	Standard	1 25
610	Arminia	1 00
612	Herscher	2 00
614	Grandview	1 00
616	Terre Haute	1 00
619	Althea	2 70
620	North Star	1 00
621	Pellonia	1 00
624	Port Byron	1 00
627	Schamo	1 00
632	Grape Creek	10 00
633	Kansas	1 05
634	Farina	1 00
635	Metcalf	1 00
636	Prospect	1 00
637	Cable	2 00
638	Viola	2 00
639	Brighton Park	1 00
640	Wilton	1 00
641	Loraine	1 00
642	Burton	1 00
643	Elco	1 00
645	Park	2 00
646	Palermo	1 00
650	Pride of the West	1 00
652	Heathsville	1 00
653	Bristol	1 00
659	Bellflower	1 00
660	Monee	1 00
661	Westville	1 00
662	Sheridan	3 10
663	Romine	1 00
664	Austin	1 00
669	De Pue	2 00
670	Good Hope	1 00
673	Evanston	5 00
678	Ridge Farm	2 00
679	Braceville	1 00
681	Roodhouse	1 00
686	Orion	1 00
689	Kent	1 00
691	Paul	1 00
692	Hutton	1 00
697	Monticello	1 00
698	Jas. A. Garfield	1 00
715	Martin	50
716	Pullman	1 00
721	Essex	$1 00
722	Hyde Park	1 00
726	Table Grove	1 00
727	Modesto	1 00
728	Saunemin	1 00
731	Stonefort	1 00
732	South Star	1 00
734	London	1 00
736	Lowman	1 25
737	Otego	1 00
741	Ransom	1 00
745	J. G. Rogers	1 00
750	Downer's Grove	1 00
752	Good Faith	1 00
753	Hettick	1 00
756	Koerner	1 00
757	Kinderhook	1 00
758	Browns	1 00
760	John Wilson	1 00
761	Atwood	1 00
768	Genoa	1 00
770	Welcome	1 00
774	Allerton	1 00
779	Williamsfield	1 00
781	Jackson	1 00
782	Prosperity	2 00
783	Odd Fellows	1 00
784	Eastern Rose	1 00
791	Fairland	1 00
792	Ashmore	1 00
793	Waukegan	5 00
794	Dewey	1 00
796	Cheneyville	5 00
804	Utica	1 00
807	Bogota	1 00
808	Sheffield	1 00
809	Ellsworth	1 00
811	Center Point	1 00
813	Youngstown	1 00
817	West Pullman	2 00
823	Yantisville	1 00
824	Ideal	1 00
827	Percy	1 00
829	Linden	1 00
831	Souvenir	1 00
832	Boone	1 00
833	Cooksville	1 00
835	Mill Shoals	1 00
836	Coatsburg	1 00
839	Yorkville	2 20
842	Foosland	2 00
844	West Point	1 00
846	Ingraham	80
847	Monticello	2 00
848	Wanlock	3 65
849	New City	1 00
850	Oblong	1 00
853	Armstrong	1 00
856	Joliet	1 70
857	Old Colony	2 30
858	Englewood	5 00
860	Patoka	1 00
863	Johnsonville	1 00
864	Bowen	1 00
865	Hopedale	1 00
866	Odin	1 00
867	Grant Park	1 10
868	Electric	1 00
869	Winterrowd	1 00
870	Ben Hur	1 00

REBEKAH LODGES.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Am't.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Am't.
2	Elite	$2 00	165	Vlast	$1 00
3	Golden Link	2 00	168	Evelyn Colfax	1 00
5	Naomi	50	169	Dawn	1 00
8	Emeline	1 00	170	Marshall	1 00
9	Orphans' Home	1 00	172	Vesper	2 00
11	Catlin	1 00	173	Edith	1 00
12	Dove	1 00	176	Zoza	1 00
13	Jacksonville	1 00	177	Genevieve	1 00
19	Sheldon	50	180	Rachel	1 00
21	Evening Star	1 00	183	Zelma	1 00
22	Friendship	1 00	190	Mt. Sterling	2 00
24	Eula	1 00	191	Lovington	1 00
26	Olive Branch	50	192	Goodwin	1 00
27	Golden Rule	1 00	193	Queen Esther	1 00
30	Evergreen	1 00	194	Elgiva	2 00
31	Rockford	2 00	195	La Harpe	1 00
32	Bethlehem	1 00	199	Columbian	1 00
34	Sarah	1 00	200	Beatrice	65
36	Sinai	1 00	201	Good Will	1 00
38	Winona	50	202	John H. Montague	1 00
41	Adah	1 00	205	Florence Nightingale	1 00
42	Ceres	1 00	207	Deering	2 00
43	Thusnelda	2 00	209	Sumner	1 00
45	Germania	2 00	210	May Queen	1 00
50	Libuse	1 00	212	Queen of the Lakes	1 00
51	Angelica	1 00	220	Carbondale	2 00
52	Sandoval	1 00	224	Pekin	1 00
53	Harmony	1 00	225	Venus	1 00
56	Ella	1 00	226	Teutonia	1 00
57	Olive	1 00	228	Lyda Woodford	1 00
58	Eureka	1 00	229	Parthenia	1 00
59	Pocahontas	1 00	231	Martha Washington	1 00
60	Altona	1 00	234	Pride of Arrow	1 00
61	Lucille	1 00	237	Otterville	1 00
63	Lilla	1 00	241	Viola	1 00
70	Holtslander	1 00	243	Fairview	1 00
72	Mercy	2 00	245	Canton	1 00
73	Eudora	2 00	247	Keithsburg	1 00
75	Ideal	95	252	Amanda	2 00
77	Minnehaha	1 00	253	Bethel	1 00
81	Purity	1 00	255	Magnolia	1 00
83	Mayflower	1 00	256	Myrtle	1 00
88	Colfax	2 00	260	Lena Lawman	1 00
89	Lily	1 00	262	Anna	1 00
91	Creal Springs	1 00	263	Ruby	1 00
96	Sophia	2 00	270	Hawthorne	1 00
97	Olive Leaf	1 00	274	Geneva	1 00
99	Enterprise	1 00	275	Mae	3 00
100	Avon	1 00	283	Maple Grove	1 00
104	Waverly	1 00	288	Lily of the West	1 00
105	Golden Rod	1 00	291	Mystic Star	1 00
106	Laughton	1 00	294	Lottie	1 00
108	Ida	1 00	297	Minerva	1 00
110	Fair	1 00	301	Pride of Central Park	2 00
112	Charity Home	1 00	310	Brilliant Star	1 00
113	Peoria	1 00	313	Central	1 00
114	Good Hope	1 00	314	White Oaks	5 00
116	Metropolis	1 00	315	Priscilla	1 00
117	Toulon	1 00	318	Farina	1 00
124	First Swedish	1 00	319	Elmwood	1 00
126	Isabella	1 00	324	Egyptian Queen	1 00
128	Monmouth	1 00	326	Leota	1 00
132	Stonefort	1 00	327	Westville	1 00
133	Chrysanthemum	1 00	329	Montgomery	1 00
134	Electra	1 00	331	Sciota	1 00
137	Cerro Gordo	1 00	335	Eleanor	1 00
138	Busy Bee	1 00	337	Melvin	2 35
141	Progress	1 00	342	Macomb	1 00
143	Clio	1 00	349	Palmyra	1 00
146	Lillian	50	350	Calumet	1 00
147	Gertrude	1 00	351	Princeville	1 00
148	Adell	1 00	352	Mineral Springs	1 00
155	Memento Branch	1 00	354	Saunemin	1 00
163	Alma	1 00	356	Tower Hill	1 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Am't.	No.	Name of Lodge.	Amt.
358	Ivy	1 00	400	Daughters of Liberty	1 00
365	Oak Leaf	1 00	401	Rising Star	1 00
366	Sparta	1 00	406	St. Elmo	1 00
367	Cheltenham	1 00	407	Lone Tree	1 00
368	Central City	1 00	410	Triumph	1 00
369	Maple Leaf	1 00	412	Litta	1 00
375	Adams	1 00	413	Iantha	1 00
377	Golden Leaf	1 00	414	Table Grove	1 00
384	Diamond	1 00	417	Mahomet	1 00
385	Victor	1 00	419	Mendota	1 00
393	Alta	1 00	428	Ivy Leaf	1 00
394	Lotus	1 00	434	Three Links	1 00
395	Crystal	2 00	460	Blue Bell	1 00
397	Tiskilwa	1 00	469	Pride of Lake City	2 00

Dispensations.

During the year eight hundred and ninety dispensations were granted to Lodges to give entertainments, hold public installations, and for other purposes for which permission is necessary. Many Lodges, however, have given public entertainments and utterly disregarded the law requiring dispensations.

Correspondence.

The correspondence of the Grand Master is very voluminous, and at times has almost swamped him and his clerks. I have replied to every communication received by me, whether from Lodge or individual, although not required to do so by the laws, unless the communications are from the deputy or from the Lodge under seal. The correspondence has been so vast that it required nearly the entire time of the Grand Master to consider it, leaving him no time to devote to other and more important business of the Order. In thousands of cases questions have been asked which are answered in the subordinate constitution and by-laws, indicating that officers and members are not as familiar with their own laws as they should be. With the new code in every Lodge room, there should be no necessity for fifty per cent of the questions which have flooded the Grand Master's office during the past year.

Decisions.

Numerous cases have been appealed to me, and I have decided them as promptly as possible, and in accordance with the law as I viewed it. I have tried faithfully to deal impartially with all matters that came before me, but have doubtless erred unintentionally in some instances.

In the Southcomb case, which was referred to me by the Grand Lodge (Grand Lodge Journal, page 301), I appointed Brother Willis Melville, Grand Conductor, to investigate the case, and on his report I found that a Grand Lodge card had been issued to Brother Southcomb in error, and that he was not legally a member of Star Lodge No. 75, but could only obtain membership therein through Gardner

Lodge No. 515, of which he was a member. Star Lodge was instructed to erase Brother Southcomb's name from its membership roll, and he could then apply to Gardner Lodge for a card, and deposit it in Star Lodge in order to obtain legal membership therein. This settlement of the case seemed to be satisfactory to both Lodges.

In the case of Dwight Lodge No. 513, which was also referred to me (Grand Lodge Journal, page 325), I decided that the action of the Lodge in donating fifty dollars from its treasury for the benefit of a baby of a brother and sister, which the Lodge in a moment of exhilaration and enthusiasm had christened, was improper and illegal. The donation had been invested in building and loan stock for the benefit of the baby, and I instructed the Lodge to sell such stock and return the money to the treasury.

Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The most important event in the year has been the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Springfield. This was a distinguished honor to this jurisdiction, and it is believed the result has been and will be mutually beneficial. The highest tribunal of the Order was received and entertained in a manner befitting this great jurisdiction, and the Grand Representatives from the various States and countries returned home deeply impressed with the hospitality and loyalty of the Odd Fellows of Illinois. This assembly within our borders cannot fail to benefit us by inspiring the membership and increasing their devotion to the Order and its principles. The report of the Committee on Entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is as follows:

PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENT, SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

Sovereign Grand Lodge I.O.O.F.

SEPTEMBER 20 to 25, 1897
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, U. S. A.

Report of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Entertainment Committee.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS: At the last session of this Grand Lodge the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen, to be known as the General Committee on Entertainment of Sovereign Grand Lodge, be appointed by joint resolution of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Illinois; and that said committee shall have general charge of such entertainment, and shall, in their discretion, appoint sub-committees for such purposes as they may deem proper.

Resolved, That said General Committee shall consist of the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and five other brothers, resident in Springfield, who shall be appointed by the incoming Grand Master.

Resolved, That said committee shall organize by selecting a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, and any appropriation made by this Grand Body for such entertainment shall, on the order of said committee, be paid to the treasurer thereof.

We, your committee appointed under the above resolutions, respectfully report our acts and doings under the authority therein contained, as follows:

The committee organized April 2, 1897, with the following officers: Chairman, J. O. Humphrey, Grand Representative; Secretary, Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary; Treasurer, F. W. Tracy, P. G.

The committee were unanimously of the opinion that the entertainment of the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the visitors who would attend the session of that body, should be of a character commensurate with the power and influence of the Jurisdiction of Illinois in the field of Odd Fellowship.

The first circular of announcements, giving a general outline of the proposed entertainments, was issued April 20, 1897, and was sent by mail to all members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; all officers of Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions; all Lodges, Encampments, Rebekah Lodges and Cantons in the State of Illinois; all Odd Fellows' publications in the United States and Canada, and to all secular papers in Illinois.

A final circular announcing in detail the various features of entertainment provided for the week of September 19–25, inclusive, was mailed to the same addresses August 19, 1897.

These circulars were printed in colors in a most attractive form, with lithographs in the April issue of Representatives' Hall in the State House, where the sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were held; the new Odd Fellows' building in Springfield; the Odd Fellows Orphans' Home at Lincoln, showing the children in front; and the Leland Hotel in Springfield. The August issue, showing the State House, a different view of the Odd Fellows' building, the Orphans' Home with fountain, and the Dome building at the State Fair Grounds.

Program.

The program as carried out was as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 19.—Special services were held in the Central Baptist Church at 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. E. B. Rogers, of Springfield Lodge No. 465, preached the sermon, and was assisted in the service by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Venable, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Monday, Sept. 20.—A public reception was given, beginning at nine o'clock A. M., in Representatives' Hall at the State House, where addresses of welcome were delivered by Hon. John R. Tanner, Governor of Illinois, and P. G. of Springfield Lodge No. 465; Hon. Loren E. Wheeler, Mayor of Springfield, and a member of Springfield Lodge No. 465; Hon. George C. Rankin, Grand Master; Hon. J. D. Murphy, Grand Patriarch; and Mrs. May D. Stone, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois.

To these addresses a fitting response was made by the Grand Sire, Hon. Fred Carleton, of Austin, Texas.

In the evening a reception was given to the visitors and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and their ladies, at the executive mansion, by Gov. and Mrs. Tanner.

This was one of the most brilliant occasions ever witnessed in Illinois, and was appreciated as a mark of distinction paid by the chief executive of a State to a Great Fraternal Society.

On the afternoon of Monday, Lilla Rebekah Lodge No. 63, of Springfield, received the visitors in the beautiful new hall of the Odd Fellows' building.

Refreshments were served, and no feature of the week's entertainment was more pleasant or more kindly received than this greeting by the Rebekahs.

Tuesday, Sept. 21.—A monster parade was had through the principal streets of the city, followed by prize drills by the Patriarchs Militant at the State Fair Grounds.

In the evening at eight o'clock occurred the Past Grand Representatives' reunion in the First Methodist Church, where addresses were made by Grand Representatives W. G. Nye, of Minnesota, Lucius H. Fuller, of Connecticut, and Stilwell H. Russell, of Texas.

At the same hour the Degrees of the Encampment were exemplified at Armory Hall by the Staff of Decatur Encampment, No. 37, Decatur, Ill., and the Rebekah Degree in Fero's Hall by Past Noble Grands Staff, of Chicago.

Wednesday, Sept. 22.—Prize drills of the Patriarchs Militant were continued at the Fair Grounds, and in the afternoon the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge went by trolley cars to the National Lincoln Monument, where addresses were made by Hon. Chas. M. Busbee, of North Carolina, P. G. S.; Hon. John C. Underwood, of Kentucky, P. G. S.; and Hon. Alfred Pinkerton of Massachusetts, D. G. S.

At the monument each member of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was presented with a souvenir of the occasion in the form of a copy of the Life of Abraham Lincoln, by Charles Carleton Coffin, an edition specially prepared and inscribed for this purpose. There is no important publication of its size which contains so many views and authentic descriptions of important Illinois events, Illinois scenes and historic Illinois characters as this book. To visitors from other States no happier selection of a lasting souvenir could have been made.

In the evening at eight o'clock the initiatory degree of the Subordinate Lodge was given at Armory Hall by the Staff of Cook County Lodge, No. 240, and the Rebekah Degree was given at Fero's Hall by Electric Rebekah Lodge, No. 331, of Marshalltown, Iowa.

At the same hour at the State House the Grand Decoration of Chivalry was conferred by the Grand Sire, and the prizes were awarded to successful competitors in the Patriarchs Militant drills.

Thursday, Sept. 23—In the afternoon an excursion was made, by way of the C. & A. R. R., to the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, at Lincoln. Here a brief service was conducted by the Grand Sire in dedicating the new dormitory for girls, recently completed. Appropriate speeches were also made by Hon. Jas. P. Sanders, P. G. S., of New York; Hon. Stilwell H. Russell, of Texas; Hon. George C. Rankin, G. M., and Hon. A. Orendorff, P. G. R., of Illinois; and Eunice Melville, of Minnesota, editor of the National Rebekah.

As a souvenir of the occasion, a beautiful spoon, sterling silver, with Lincoln medallion on the handle and the main building of the Orphans' Home engraved in the golden bowl, was presented to wives and daughters accompanying the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Grand Representatives of Kentucky say this to their Grand Lodge:

"The Sovereign Body was invited to visit the Orphans' Home, at Lincoln, Illinois, which invitation was accepted, and attended in a body. We saw there a magnificent Home, consisting of three large brick buildings, and forty acres of good farming land. We saw there the little wards of the Odd Fellows of Illinois, 159 in number. It made every member present feel glad that he was a member of such an organization as the Odd Fellows. There were children there from eighteen months old to fifteen years, all clean and nicely clothed, and every one of them receiving an education. It made the Kentucky delegation feel badly when they thought of the little helpless orphans that are in the State of Kentucky, and having no home to shelter them. It would have done the entire membership of this Grand Body good could they have witnessed the spectacle there shown forth. The Odd Fellows' Home, of Lincoln, Illinois, is a credit to Odd Fellowship everywhere, and shows what can be done where there is concerted action. It stands, my brothers, as a monument to our beloved Order. Let us endeavor to do likewise."

The party returned from Lincoln at six o'clock, and at eight thirty all were the guests of the committee at a theater party given in honor of our visitors at Chatterton's Opera House. It was a special engagement of Mr. Charles Frohman's great attraction, "Never Again," and was much enjoyed by all.

The various entertainments were all most highly successful. The week was a ceaseless round of pleasure, yet it was most interesting and profitable. Beginning with the divine service on Sunday, the addresses were of an order so uplifting, scholarly and eloquent as to be worthy the leading exponents of our great society. We append, as the most valuable part of this report, copies of most of these addresses.

The work of the degree staffs elicited unstinted praise; the committee, on behalf of the Order in Illinois, extends to all the members of these various staffs our thanks for their assistance in such splendid exhibition to our visiting friends of the progress which Odd Fellowship has made in the central west. We also append as a part of this report a list of the various sub-committees who assisted in the entertainment of our guests. To them and to all others who contributed by their presence and help to the success of the occasion we here express our thanks. We do not undertake to distinguish between them, because distinctions are invidious and all are worthy of our best thanks.

We also append some editorial and other paragraphs clipped from the newspapers, both fraternal and secular, for, in describing public events, no committee can compete in accuracy and in detail with those delightful fellows, the newspaper reporters.

Expressions by the Sovereign Grand Lodge that the efforts of the Illinois Committee in the entertainment of our guests were well received and thoroughly appreciated will appear from the resolution of thanks adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge on the last day of the session. We append the resolution as a part of this report.

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Received from the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.	$2,500 00
Received from the Grand Encampment of Illinois	1,000 00
Received from the citizens of Springfield	1,745 13
	$5,245 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses of headquarters and General Committee	$451 36
Patriarchs Militant	592 80
Printing and postage	307 10
Decorations	236 94
Music	587 00
Transportation and livery	740 10
Halls and meeting places	140 80
Badges and souvenirs	1,519 70
Theater and entertainment	669 33
	$5,245 13

For a more detailed statement of the expenses, reference is had to the itemized list thereof appended to this report, vouchers for all which are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

The thanks of the Committee and of the Odd Fellows of the State are due and are hereby respectfully returned to the Grand Lodge and to the Grand Encampment for their liberal donations, and to the citizens of Springfield, who generously subscribed the additional amount necessary to meet all the expenses of the entertainment.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Otis Humphrey, G. R.
James R. Miller, G. S.
F. W. Tracy, P. G.
George C. Rankin, G. M.
Cicero J. Lindly, D. G. M.
Thomas B. Needles, G. T.
E. S. Conway, G. R.
J. D. Murphy, G. P.
John C. Smith, G. S.
W. H. Smollinger, G. R.
Walter E. Carlin, G. R.
Alfred Orendoff, P. G. M.
Chas. R. Coon, P. G.
J. M. Striffler, P. G.
T. C. Roseberry, P. G.
Mrs. May D. Stone, President.
Mrs. Lizzie L. Morrison, P. Prest.
Mrs. Mary Miller.
Mrs. Nellie L. Harris, P. Prest.
Mrs. Lulu Case.
Mrs. Sarah Crocker,
Mrs. Emma Pearson,

Sermon Preached Before the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Sunday Morning, September 19, at the Central Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill., by the Pastor, Euclid B. Rogers.

Luke 10:30-37: "And Jesus answering said, a certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment and wounded him and departed, leaving him half dead.

"And by chance there came down a certain priest that way, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

"And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him he had compassion on him, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

"And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence and gave them to the host and said unto him, 'Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee.'

"Which, now, of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among thieves?

"And he said, 'He that showed mercy on him.' Then said Jesus unto him, 'Go thou and do likewise.'"

As you've walked the galleries where the masters of art have hung their works, you have stopped and others have stopped, and looked longer at some pictures than at others. All pictures do not have an equal attraction, but before some crowds gather and look and gaze, and in the presence of its wonderful art, they are lost in admiration and in awe. The Bible walls are hung full of pictures, but not one, perhaps, of them all so attracts attention and admiration as does this picture of the Good Samaritan. Crowds have stood before it admiring, studying, loving, losing time and place and self as they drank in the story of this masterpiece.

In the first place, I notice that this picture is a Bible picture, and was painted by the Bible's Hero, Jesus Christ. Power in its mightiest sense, compassion at work, pity that helps, love at white heat—all of these were born of God, and have had their highest exemplification in the speech and life of the Son of God. Some men seem to think that all of these qualities that go to make up the best that there has been in the best men of all the years, had its birth in some lower clime than Heaven. Men—good men, kind men—are apt to forget God as they dwell upon the mercy, and courtesy, and helpfulness of their fellows. I claim that everything that is good and useful

to men as men, everything that is strong and beneficial in man as man, and everything that is benevolent and beneficent in any help-handing institution or order under the sun, has been born of God.

As we praise men, and as we laud organizations for what of good they do their fellow men, let us not forget to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

And now for some of the lessons from this picture that Jesus has hung up in the gallery of every thoughtful life.

The priest and the Levite saw this poor unfortunate, but they passed him by. This lonely Jericho road discloses the character or lack of character of the passers-by. Crowded streets and glaring noon do not reveal men. Many men are Pharisees who pray in public, and give to be seen, and lend a hand to help when they are in the crowd; but when night comes and they are shut out from all on-lookers, their mouth is shut, and heart is shut, and hand is tight. Light and other presences tend to conceal, as well as to disclose, and darkness and loneliness tend to disclose as well as to conceal. A landscape can best be seen—not at broad noon-day when the sun-light pours down upon the mountain, hill and plain, and no shadows lengthen anywhere—but when the sun declines and the shadows increase, the old mountain shows crags and fissures in its rugged sides, and the hill-tops stand out in fresh relief, and the plain discovers many undulations of the surface that you couldn't see at noon.

As in the world of nature, so in the mental and moral realm. Men's realest selves are not seen in the light, but in the night. Men do not show themselves out in the sun-light of the public resorts, but in the shadow of the home, in the darkness of retirement, in the night of loneliness. The human mind, like the pupil of the eye, seems to contract in the light and to expand in the dark.

In the shadows of evening hearts open to each other as they cannot do at mid-day. The nightfall walks and talks are the great revealers of souls. What a man is in the quiet of home; what he is in retirement; what he is when no human eye is upon him; what he is on the deserted road to Jericho, that the man really is; that he is in heart and substance; that he is in character; that he is before God.

The priest and the Levite were religious, but their religion had no life in it and no love in it—they were men of ice, and even this poor man who had been beaten and robbed, and left for dead, couldn't thaw them out. They might as well have been dead men—they were dead men—dead to principle, dead to nobility, dead to pity. The deadest thing in all the world is a formal religion. It is not only useless, but it is a nuisance. It is a stench in the nostrils of men; it loads the air with odors that are unsavory; it rots all it touches. No mere observances, no mere ceremonial, no mere bringing-in of arks, no mere joining of banded circles, none of these things can save a man,

nor can they touch to life the dead heart of the world. Religion, to be extensive, must first be intensive. Christianity is not merely an appreciation of the evil of sin, and of the ills of life and a sad confession of the same; but it is a mighty triumphant energy that takes hold with hands and helps with arms; it is not simply a negative abstinence from certain forms of wrong-doing and wrong-thinking —a cold pagan morality; but it is a positive, bounding, aspiring life, that leaps upward in adoration toward God, and outward in service toward men. Christianity is not a profession nor a possession, but an inspiration; not a theory, but a force; not a name, but a life.

Ask history if my statement be true, and history makes reply: Look yonder nineteen hundred years ago and behold a young man who lived a clean life in an unclean age; they called him the "Nazarene," and his few followers they mockingly called "Christians." No church, no synagogue, no army; popular piety opposed him, and kings and princes allied their forces against him and against his new religion. But his adherents grew, sentiment grew—all grades, all classes, monarch and peasant—all began to feel its power. This new religion entered the chief cities of the Roman empire, the seats of learning, the palaces of art and the centers of commerce; and straightway she occupies a commanding position in the proudest capital of the world. She crossed oceans, traversed lands, and swept from southern shores to northern seas: she tames and civilizes the wild nations of Europe; she changes the current of the world's affairs, and supplants old civilizations with new and better and greater, that have the one only true God as center. She has marched through the ages, witness of vast upheavals and terrible overthrows; but, herself unchanged and unharmed, she lives today. Follow the sun in his course; there's not a clime where he sheds his light where the gospel is not heard. Christian songs swell out in the air of every land; millions are today gathered from hut and palace, from mansion and from cot, to hear the story of that young Jew who dared be true, who loved with his whole heart, and who died for his cause.

What has given this religion, comparatively new, such a sweep of power? Primarily, God; but there's a secondary cause, and that secondary cause is this: Some men have been loyal not only to the person of Christ, but they have also been loyal to everything that He represented in the world. Men have accepted Him, not only as Savior, but as Lord, and when they espoused Him they espoused His cause.

In the old days it was much easier to observe appointed days and to offer commanded sacrifices than it was to undertake to do what God wanted done for men. It is still easier to be pious than to be a Christian. To be a Christian is not only to attest our allegiance to Christ by stated attendance upon his worship—it is not only the praying of devout prayers, but it is to enter heartily and intelligently and powerfully into the work of comforting and quickening and strengthening all who need comfort and encouragement and strength.

In the lesson of the Good Samaritan Jesus Christ stands out before the world as the champion of the "under man"—society says, "kill him"—nature says, "let him rot." The more a man knows, the easier it is for him to get more—but what shall be done with the ignorant and the pauper, those who know nothing and have nothing?

Darwin says, "Let them go to the wall," and all philosophy echoes the doctrine, "Let them go to the wall." Here Jesus Christ steps in and says, "No, they shall not go to the wall—they ought to survive, let's make them fit to survive. If a man is down, let's lift him up—if he's behind, let's help him to the front. Not 'the devil take the hindmost,' but 'the devil shall have nobody, they are all mine, I want them all.'" To be a Christian is to be eyes for the blind, ears for the deaf, and legs for the lame.

This lesson teaches that some have power and some need power; that some are weak and some are strong. In nature we have mountain, plain and valley; not many mountains, not many deep valleys, mostly level prairie. So in life, not many geniuses, not many men with ten talents—not many fools, not many men with only one talent—the most of us are prairie men, plain men, average men, ordinary men, who have to do ordinary work.

Thank God for the mountain heights, and thank God for the mountain men. To climb up into the thought of Scott is to read Scottish history intelligently and sympathetically. Newton and Herschel, mountain men, observatory geniuses, who in their lonely fastnesses went to school to God's stars. Shakespeare, a mountain man, and as we stand upon the crest of his genius, what a wide view of life and of motive and of men! The mountain in nature, the mountain in mind, the mountain in morals, always invites up, always suggests wider horizons, clearer air, stronger lungs. The great men of all the years have been made great men so that they could help us all to be greater—they're made to climb up on. The needs of the ages have always been met by some captain who could lead the age. Moses gave the law, David the poet-king, Paul, whose enthusiastic religious fervor has warmed the air of the world. In the interests of civilization a new world was wanted, and Columbus appeared. The religious forces of the world needed a champion to organize and focalize, and Martin Luther stepped to the front of the platform and said, "I'm here." Our earlier patriotism required a nature large enough and great enough to represent it and guide it, and Washington, built on palatial plans, became the nation's idol. Side by side with our constitution grew up Daniel Webster, massive brow, stately intellect, profound wisdom, tongue like thunder, ready at the critical moment to be its interpreter and defender; and later still, just at the moment when the country and the world needed him as the champion of liberty for all, came Abraham Lincoln the Immortal.

These men and all great men are made, not for themselves, but for others. Every man in all the world has stock, or may have stock, in these great treasures of thought and patriotism and art and manhood. No power or advantage of any name or kind is a possession, it's a trust, and by as much as men have regarded themselves and what they had and what they knew as trust funds and used them as such, by so much have they been blessings to the race.

Philosophers and poets of all ages and all climes have urged the duty of self-consideration. "Know thyself," is an injunction of the old classic writers, Greek and Roman, and it has been repeated with varying emphasis by many modern writers. Pope and Young, and Schiller and Shakspeare, and Longfellow and Tennyson, have caught up the old motto and incorporated it into their native verse. But the true beauty and the true symmetry, and the true force of any admirable character are dependent, not on the wisest thought of self, but on entire forgetfulness of self. "Self-respect" and "self-reverence" sound well, but as a practical matter it is very much like the worship some self-made men are wont to render their Maker. A thief, or robber, or midnight assassin, may pride himself that he has never lost his self-respect, though he has lost the respect of everybody else. No standard of respect or of reverence that centers in one's self is a safe standard of character or of conduct. But, on the other hand, utter forgetfulness of self is always a means of safety to him who respects and reverences that which is worthy of respect and reverence, and who strives at right doing and right being in the direction of God-given standards.

Thinking about one's self, no matter what the object, is one of the poorest uses to which to put time and brain. Thinking of one's self is a positive hindrance to one's well-doing in any line of effort, physical, mental, or moral. The achievers of earth, the great sweeping accomplishers, the men who have aimed at the white and hit it, have forgotten self and forged on toward the goal. Athletes, writers, speakers, doers of all sorts, in order to become men of power, must forget self.

The man who has any power must buy it and pay for it. This principle is extant in nature. The sun is ripening our harvests to-day, but in and by the process the sun is burning itself up. Each golden sheaf and laden bough costs the sun carbon, which is life. The valleys grow rich because the mountains feed them, but to feed the valleys the mountains must go bare. Nothing is richer until something is poorer—nobody gets unless somebody gives. Rocks decay, and mosses and lichens feed and live—the moss dies and feeds the shrub—the shrub perishes and the tree lives. Nature has the power of giving, but she gets it through vast expenditure. Many of the geniuses of the world, lights that shone like central suns, burned down to the socket ere the noon of life was reached. They bought their greatness and their power with the heart's red blood.

Not long ago all minds were jailed and all lips were padlocked. To criticise public men in public places meant confiscation of the critic's land; to say aught against the pope meant the dungeon; to speak disrespectfully of the king brought death. Now thought is free, men may sift and choose for themselves, casting off the chaff and saving the wheat. The precious privileges of these days of open liberty cost thought and heart and life.

A hundred years ago Italian cities were devastated with plagues; to-day they are as healthy as Paris or Denver. Who wrought the change, and how was it done? From Constantinople to Venice John Howard took sail on an infected ship, so that he might be arrested and confined in a lazaretto; he was arrested and confined, and he traced the death-dealing plague to its source, and throttled it and killed it, and its ravages were stayed. Dark Africa is growing white under the bright light of advancing civilization. Why? Because that old Puritan soul, David Livingstone, faced thirty attacks of African fever, and said to Stanley, "No, I'll not return, I'll not give up," and turned for the ninth time toward the head-waters of the Nile. Did he reach his goal? No; he died in a jungle, no white man near. Did he reach his goal? Yes; his last message, written with dying hand, "All I can add in my solitude is, may heaven's rich blessing come down on every one who will help to heal this open sore of the world." That dying message reached the hearts of men on every shore, and they began to think and to act, and history tells us that during the next ten years Africa made greater advance than she had made in the previous ten centuries. Scotland! thou hast made the world rich; thou hast given us John Knox, the fearless; Bobby Burns, who made Scotia's thistle to bloom into the flower of verse that has perfumed the universal air; great preachers like Chalmers and Guthrie and Begg; that Titan of the Trossachs, Thomas Carlyle, who battered cant and caste and class with an arm of steel; men who talked with light and communed with God; but the richest gift of all was the man who was born at Blantyre, March 19, 1813, and flowered for thirty-three years on Africa's burning sands. In uncongenial soil, David Livingstone, out of his own heart and with his own hand, planted God's oaks, and now they are leafing and branching out and sheltering a race.

This Samaritan thought about the other man; that's Christianity. The motto of the world is, "Look out for No. 1." Jesus Christ says, "Look out for No. 2." Christ says, "If thy brother hath aught against thee, go to him"; worldly selfish sentiment says, "If thy brother hath aught against thee, go for him." This man who had fallen among thieves needed the Samaritan's oil and he got it; he needed the man's care and he got that; he needed the man's money and he got it; he needed the man's credit and he got that. That Samaritan put himself in the wounded man's place; his pity was sympathy, feeling with, it was compassion, it was

heart. He got into the man and looked from the inside out; that's sympathy, that's Christianity. Jesus Christ thought himself, felt himself, put himself, into sinful man's condition, and He had to do it in order to help him. He took to himself our nature and got inside of man's heart-experiences, and felt just as we feel, only without sin. There were burdens to bear, and He bore them; there were stripes to be given, and he took them. Calvary shows us God's heart aching, bleeding, dying, for the other man.

This Samaritan asks no questions as to how this poor fellow happened to get into this plight; there he was, and "here am I to help," said the Samaritan. Men are friendless, homeless, dying in want. needing a hand, craving help. "But," says some censorious critic, "it's their own fault." Suppose it is; here they are, down, and if they ever get up they must be helped up; who'll help? The Christian makes quick reply, "I'm here; I'll help." Some other says, "I don't know this poor unfortunate; he's a stranger"; but the Christian answers, "He's a certain man, he's a man, and therefore he's my neighbor." Two questions that I want you to ask and answer, each for himself: "Who is my neighbor? Whose neighbor am I?" Not just that either, but here it is: "Who is my brother?" and I want your heart to say, "Man"; and now this other, "Whose brother am I?" and I want every Samaritan of you to say "Man's."

"You're rich, and yet you are not proud,
You are not selfish, hard or vain,
You look upon the common crowd,
With sympathy and not disdain.
You'd travel far to share your gold
With humble sorrow unconsoled.
You'd raise the orphan from the dust,
And help the saddened widowed mother;
Give me your hand, you shall, you must,
I love you as a brother.

"You're poor, and yet you do not scorn
Or hate the wealthy for their wealth,
You toil contented night and morn,
And praise the gifts of strength and health.
You share your little with a friend,
And what you cannot give, you lend.
You take humanity on trust,
And see some merit in another;
Give me your hand, you shall, you must,
I love you as a brother.

"And what care I how rich you be,
I love you if your thoughts be pure:
What signifies your poverty,
If you can struggle and endure?
'Tis not the buds that make the spring,
'Tis not the crown that makes the king.
If you are wise and good and just,
You've riches better than all other.
Give me your hand, you shall, you must,
I love you as a brother."

Governor Tanner's Welcome.

Rev. E B. Rogers, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of this city, offered a prayer, after which the Lincoln Glee Club sang "Illinois." Governor Tanner delivered an address of welcome, as follows:

"*Mr. Chairman, Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows:*

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Not in any individual capacity, but as the representative of all the people of the commonwealth of Illinois, I give you welcome here today. The people of Illinois, as well as the people of Springfield, appreciate the honor done us in holding this annual session of your great fraternity in our capital city. Springfield has been noted as a convention city, but most of the assemblies which gather here are from our own State. Your body is more than national in its representation, and for the distinguished character in which you come as our guests, I would speak words of the highest appreciation.

"But once before, in the history of Odd Fellowship, has this Supreme Lodge met on Illinois soil. Twenty-six years ago this month your annual session was held in Chicago. Scarcely had you departed from its hospitable shelter when the clouds of affliction settled upon that proud city in such awful and sweeping devastation that the nation stood appalled and stunned almost to inactivity.

"Not so with this great society! The misfortune of Chicago was the test of your great Order. While the flames still licked the ruined city, the trained ear of Odd Fellowship, ever on the alert for the voice of suffering, caught the needs of the hour, and with quick, prompt and generous response, this Order made a record for itself which to this day stands without a parallel in the broad field of practical benevolence.

"Gentlemen, while we congratulate ourselves upon your coming, let me congratulate you also upon being here. In the shadow of the tomb of Abraham Lincoln is a fitting place to legislate for the good of others; a fitting place in which to make the high resolve that henceforth we will make Odd Fellowship a greater humanizing power, a stronger moral force, than ever before.

"Many are here from lands whose local history is closely connected with our own State. Some of you come from the banks of the St. Lawrence. From the foundation laid by the great French explorers you have reared a splendid civilization. From the same source, also, Illinois dates her earliest lineage. From the country of the St. Lawrence came the first white men whose feet trod the soil of Illinois. The history of Illinois can never be written without linking old Fort Frontenac to old Kaskaskia, and the names of LaSalle and Joliet and Hennepin are preserved forever in flourishing cities of our State.

"To many of the States of the Union are we indebted for the greatness we have obtained. In the matter of governors alone, contributions have been made us by Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, and Ohio.

"To Virginia Illinois owes an early gratitude. It was her matchless and far-seeing Governor Henry who, solicitous for the redemption of this fair domain from foreign control, sent Col. George Rogers Clark, the hero of Vincennes and Kaskaskia, to save the Illinois country to free government by the people. We thank Virginia for Patrick Henry. He deserves a place in history as the first governor of Illinois, and our latest historian has given him that place.

"To Kentucky, also, we must be ever grateful. For one hundred and thirty years Kentucky has made sacrifices to keep Illinois supplied with great men. When Kentucky and Illinois were counties of Virginia, Colonel John Todd was appointed from Kentucky to govern Illinois, and since that time eight of our governors have come from that state. We would be ingrates indeed if we did not thank Kentucky for Edwards and Ewing and Duncan; Carlin and Yates; Oglesby, Palmer and Cullom.

"Gentlemen, you come as the representatives of more than a million men and women, whose annual benefactions equal three and half million dollars. An order which expends ten thousand dollars per day in human benefactions deserves the great prosperity which yours has attained. Your platform of principles is co-equal with humanity. You teach that God is our Father; that all men are brothers; that death is in the world, and misery to be relieved on every hand; that human pride is to be humbled, and that we are to be recognized by the heart that is in us; that the Eye of Omnipotence is ever watching over our actions; that the tongue is an unruly member, and is to be carefully guarded; that men should think before they speak. In a word, this Order seeks to improve and elevate the character of man.

"While its teachings are admitted to be good, the world approves it most for its practices. By the bed of human suffering: by the open grave; in the home made desolate by death; where widows and orphans feel the gaunt hand of poverty and want, there Odd Fellowship does its work.

"This is an age of organization. Society is permanently controlled only by those forces which have existed long enongh to become organized powers. In the great field of your endeavor, Odd Fellowship has come to be known and hailed as a synonym for organized benevolence. In the world of morals and benevolence, it has attained the rank of a first-class power. It has come to act strongly and often with controlling force upon the destinies of the people, and upon the legislation of states. For if it is a source of national pride to us that we care for our unfortunates; if the state, the county, the municipality

extend the open hand to the poor and the helpless; if our session laws are largely made up of acts appropriating money for public charities; reflect, gentleman, that the teachings of this great Order have encouraged this condition. Benevolent legislation never yet took its place upon the statute-books until the heart of the legislator and his people had been touched and made tender by the lessons of benevolence.

"I am glad to be able to say to you that Odd Fellowship is popular in Illinois. More than forty years ago our State legislature recognized this Order by passing an act according corporate privileges and franchises to its Lodges. I have never heard of any abuse of these privileges, and believe that no grant of power was ever more worthily bestowed by a sovereign state.

"In conclusion, I again assure you of the hearty welcome which the State of Illinois gives to you and to all visiting Odd Fellows and their friends.

"One of your degrees teaches the virtue of sincere hospitality. While you are with us, it will be our aim to show you that we have had that lesson and know how to practice that virtue."

Mayor Wheeler's Address.

Mayor L. E. Wheeler, in behalf of the City of Springfield, then delivered a brief address of welcome, as follows:

"*Mr. Chairman, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and Ladies and Gentlemen:*

"In selecting our fair city for your National Meeting, and the second one ever held in the State of Illinois, you have done us an honor which the citizens of Springfield highly appreciate, and I, as their representative, thank you for the high honor and bid you a hearty welcome.

"I can safely say that no nobler body of men ever assembled together whom the citizens of Springfield were as glad to welcome as your Honorable Body.

"Welcome, because the Order you represent exceeds by far in numbers that of any other great organization on the face of the globe.

"Welcome, because your members are composed of our most progressive, enterprising and honored citizens.

"Welcome, because you are the best-looking body of men which ever assembled within the limits of our capital city.

"Welcome, because no nobler hearts ever warmed the pulse of man than those encased within the breasts of Odd Fellows.

"The establishment of the Odd Fellows' Home at Lincoln, Ill., is one of the grandest results accomplished by any fraternal order, and

Grand Master.

when the fraternal feeling of a secret order extends to the care and protection of the widows and orphans of a deceased brother, the lessons inculcated by the teachings of that Order are grand indeed.

"One of the indications of the enterprise displayed by the Odd Fellows in our own city is the erection of the handsome Odd Fellows' Building, which is a fitting monument to the Order it represents.

"The intense interest displayed by our citizens that you should be royally welcomed to our city is evidenced in the display of the Fraternal emblems hung from every roof, and we assure you that it is our desire to extend to you every courtesy within our power to grant.

"We trust that your meeting will be one resulting in much good and that your short stay here with us will be one long to be remembered, and while we do not wish to be selfish, yet we would feel highly honored and gratified to know that the coming year we could have the pleasure to again greet you as our welcome guests.

"I am more than proud to be enrolled upon the list as one of the members of this grand Order, and could the outside world know of the grand lessons taught by this noble order they would not wonder that we outrank any secret organization in existence.

"I have in my possession the key of this the capital city of one of the grandest states in the Union. This key has never been in any other than the possession of the mayors of this city, and by the unanmous request of our citizens, and for the first time in our history, I deliver to you this key. Take it, as it will unlock the door and bid you welcome to every home in the City of Springfield."

Address of George C. Rankin.

Miss Eva Cross, of Mechanicsburg, rendered a vocal selection. Hon. George C. Rankin, Grand Master, delivered a welcome address. He said:

Mr. Chairman, Grand Sire, Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., Brothers and Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"History tells of an ancient race, which, on the approach of a guest, dispatched an embassador to meet him, carrying in one hand the gifts of welcome, but in the other was concealed a device for destruction.

"To-day the Odd Fellows of Illinois greet you with both hands outstretched, each overflowing with fraternal love, and welcome you joyously to their State, their home, and their hearts.

"The fifty thousand Odd Fellows of this Jurisdiction are proud of their State, whether they review its resplendent record in national history or refer to immortal achievements in matters fraternal.

"The State which stands peerless in many virtues, which gave a Lincoln, a Douglas, a Grant and a Logan to the nation, could not fail to rank high in Odd Fellowship.

"We bid you welcome to a Jurisdiction where the orphan is not fatherless, nor motherless, nor homeless. The great-hearted Rebekahs and Odd Fellows have provided a home of love for them—a model in all respects, which you will see before you say Farewell.

"Nor have we forgotten the twilight of life, but have commenced the erection of an Old Folks' Home, where the declining days of our Brothers and Sisters may pass serenely into eternity. This great republic may forget the duty it owes to its heroic defenders, and may leave them to the cold hands of county and municipal charity, but Odd Fellowship never forgets.

"We welcome you to a State near whose borders repose the remains of one of the greatest of Odd Fellows, the father of the Rebekah Degree, Schuyler Colfax, whose friendship I cherished, and who said to me that he wished no prouder inscription on his tomb than the words:

" 'Here rests an Odd Fellow.'

"Sixty-one years ago the first Lodge of Odd Fellows in this State came into existence at Alton, and in 1838 four other Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Illinois were instituted by the immortal Wildey.

"To-day in this Jurisdiction there are nearly nine hundred Lodges, with over fifty thousand loyal members, expending over one thousand dollars daily for the relief of distress, the education of the orphan, the burial of the dead, and kindred duties.

"We feel especially honored to welcome you as the highest representatives of the noblest order ever founded; whose membership exceeds one million—a grand army that would stretch across the continent from New York far beyond the western boundaries of this State; a society which dispenses for relief four million dollars annually, or even eleven thousand dollars each twenty-four hours—so vast a sum that the mines of a Klondike would be required to meet it.

"Again, in behalf of this Grand Jurisdiction, I meet you with the hope of fifty thousand hearts that your visit may be surrounded with pleasure, and that you may preserve forever a precious memory of Illinois, which sparkles brightly in the sisterhood of States and in the crown of Odd Fellowship."

Greeting of Grand Patriarch J. D. Murphy.

Grand Patriarch Hon. J. D Murphy was next introduced, and spoke warm words of welcome to the assemblage.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Sept. 20, 1897.

Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

I extend to you the right hand of fellowship and a cordial fraternal greeting.

As the representative of the Patriarchs of this jurisdiction, with my colleagues and co-workers, I am here for the purpose of uniting with them in a fraternal greeting, and extending to this body of representative men of our beloved Order from all the States and Canadas a most cordial welcome to our State and Capital City, and shall do what we can to make this, the 73d session of the S. G. L., one to be remembered and cherished as the happiest period of its existence.

We recognize in the S. G. Body the parental head of Odd Fellowship, and as dutiful children, like the Patriarchs of old in journeying down to Beersheba to see the venerable father and do him honor, so we have journeyed down to the capital of this great State for the same purpose, and to receive your blessings; and while we would leave nothing undone for your pleasure, comfort and happiness, we would join with the sweet influences of nature this lovely morning: as she would extend a smile on every ray, so our hearts go out to greet you in all the depth and warmth of fraternal affection; and here I feel it would not be amiss for me in a personal way to thank this Grand Body for their recognition and liberal legislation to our Daughters of Rebekah, for in my judgment, without such recognition this Order could never have attained the grand proportions, "second to none," both financially and numerically, and it is but the beginning of the end, the real end—full fellowship.

Patriarchs, you have been welcomed within the borders of our great State by his excellency, the Governor, and tendered the freedom of the city by the Mayor, who, in a very generous manner, extended to you the hospitalities of the city.

The Grand Master, in behalf of the Subordinates, has tendered to you a cordial welcome, so there only remains for me, on behalf of the quiet Patriarchs, to ask you to enter our tent and become our special guests during your sojourn in our land.

Hoping, Patriarchs, while your duties are arduous, you may find them pleasant, and that your stay with us will be mutually pleasant and profitable, I again extend to you a hearty welcome.

Mrs. Stone's Address.

He was followed by Mrs. May D. Stone, President of the Rebekah Assembly. Her address was listened to attentively. She said:

Mr. Chairman, Honored Grand Sire, Grand Representatives, Brothers and Sisters:

The Grand Lodge, through the Grand Master, and the Grand Encampment, through the Grand Patriarch, have bidden you welcome to our midst. Now, in the name of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois, I bid you thrice welcome. Many of you come to us unknown by any other names than those of Brother and Sister. We greet you in that name, and under the bond of all such names imply fling wide the door of heart and home, and bid you enter. We have come from all parts of this grand old State of ours to greet you in the name of the great brotherhood and sisterhood we represent. We are proud of our State as a part of these United States. We are proud of her as a factor in the commerce and wealth of this Nation. We are proud of her as a producer of great men. We are proud of her schools and churches, and we are proud of her Odd Fellowship. In the prairies of the northern portion, waving with the golden grain, through the rolling meadows, on where "corn is king," down through the land of the big red apple—through "Egypt," where famine never comes, and where Dame Nature ever sits, holding in her lap all the blessings to be bestowed; in all these varying climes, planted in all the varying soils, we find Odd Fellowship flourishing as a green bay tree.

Yes, we are proud of the noble men our State has given to her country. We never tire of the name of Lincoln, and to us, as Odd Fellows of Illinois, the name bears a double meaning. In the cemetery near this city the magnificent monument that towers heavenward fills us with awe and reverence, as we bow before the memory of the man who gave his life as a penalty for a noble deed and his loyalty to truth and right. All his broad-hearted humanity and his rugged manhood were given to a cause. As long as history stands the name of Abraham Lincoln will be revered, and his tomb will be an American Mecca.

Beyond here, some few miles, is a city that bears his name. Within that city stands a monument that bears the name of no man or woman, a monument that commemorates the noble, loving efforts of thousands of living men and women. It is not a silent reminder of those gone, but of those here. It covers no noted tomb, but shelters one hundred and fifty homeless children, and abounds in life and joy and gladness. This monument to Rebekah Odd Fellowship in Illinois, we offer you as a proof of our loyalty and faithfulness to our obligations. We offer it in attestation of the fact that we have heard the widow's moan, and have not turned a deaf ear to the orphan's sob.

Assembled here in consultation for our Order's good, you represent the principles and truths the Order has been proclaiming these many years. In you we see the highest power of this Fraternity. To the Sovereign Grand Lodge we look for wisdom and just consideration in all the matters that come before them that in any way affect the Rebekah Degree. In behalf of my jurisdiction and the Rebekah Lodges wherever found, I ask deliberate action and consultation in all that may be enacted at this session of this body in connection with our branch of the Order. You have told us we are no longer a side degree. We have become a living member of a living body. We stand by you as an army of sisters ready to forward every good work you undertake. You must admit that in the execution of the principles, aims and objects of the Order we have outstripped the brothers. Not only are the sick, the widow and the orphan being cared for, but we are reaching out and exerting a subtle influence in the inner circles of the home. Odd Fellowship makes better fathers and mothers. It makes purer homes. When we affect the home we are working at the foundation of our government. Whatever helps, purifies and sanctifies the home, builds bulwarks around our country, and gives it a stronger defense than any standing army or fleet of battleships can give. The Rebekahs of to-day are some of the wives and mothers of this and the next generation of American citizens. Through these wives and mothers is the destiny of our nation to be shaped. Oh that the hand of woman, guided by her heart's true instincts, shape it faster! Wherever woman has been placed in positions requiring skill, intellect or sound judgment, she has proven herself faithful and competent. We ask from you the recognition due our efforts and successes in our labors in this Order. I hope to see the day when every Rebekah Assembly under the jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge will be allowed a Representative in this Sovereign Body. I hope to see the day when Sisters representing the Assemblies will be allowed to attend one session of this body, and be entitled to all the privileges of other Grand Representatives; and at that session all matters pertaining to the Rebekah Degree be discussed and all legislation pertaining to it be enacted.

The Sisters who labor so faithfully in the work of this Degree are alive to the needs and desires of the Degree. They can present the needs of their jurisdictions intelligently and eloquently. Their hearts are in the work, and their presence would lend strength and dignity to what is already an imposing and cultured body of legislators. We do not want to see the dawn of the day that will witness the separation of the branches of the Order. We do not want to become a separate body, as has been suggested by members of the Order. We are part of you and desire to remain with you. But as we toil by your side, as we keep step with you and bear our share of the burdens, we ask recognition on our merits.

Gathered here in this fair city, we mingle and partake of the food for mind and soul that is always to be found in such assemblages. "We touch and go, and sip the foam of many lives," and from them all round out our own. When we leave this fraternal gathering, it may be never to renew the acquaintances formed here. Be that as it may, you will have left an impress upon the Order in this State that will be lasting. You are making the history of Odd Fellowship. As we welcome you here to this city which you have selected as your place of meeting, we realize that while here another volume will be added to the records of fraternity. May the spirit which pervades in all your deliberations mark us as a true brotherhood, and may you carry with you, when you go to your homes, pleasant memories of those who welcome you to-day in Friendship, Love and Truth.

Grand Sire Carleton's Response.

In response to the many expressions of good will and greeting, Hon. Fred Carleton, Grand Sire of the Order, on behalf of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, said:

My Brothers, Representatives, Governor Tanner, Hon. Loren E. Wheeler, Mayor, Grand Master Hon. George C. Rankin, Grand Patriarch Hon. J. D. Murphy, and the President of the Rebekah Assembly, Mrs. May D. Stone:

"In the name and in behalf of these representatives, I return to you and one and all the sincere thanks of this body for the cordial and hearty welcome which has been extended to us.

"I do not know what is more characteristic of Illinois, unless it he her greatness; but I think her Executive's modesty is also characteristic of a true Illinois man. I have been at a number of occasions where the Sovereign Grand Lodge was received by the State, and by the county and city in different jurisdictions. It was usual for the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the city to laud his particular jurisdiction as being the greatest in the whole country, and I am pleased to say that the usual routine was not followed by the Governor, and therefore it becomes my duty to say something good about Illinois.

"Illinois is somewhat like my own State. I love great, broad prairies. I live in Texas, and I can travel eight hundred miles in Texas and not get out of the State. Illinois is also broad and long; she has beautiful prairies where the wheat and the corn grow luxuriantly. And as I traveled through Illinois, in coming to this beautiful city, I thought of my beloved Texas. Illinois is not only great in its prairies, but also in its productions. It is the third State in the Union, I believe, as a wheat-producing State; the third in population. It is not confined to one line of industry, or to one particular kind of production.

"In commercial importance, while the city in which we have met does not rank very high, yet close upon the borders of the State stands the second city of the American country, which is only second to the great City of New York in commercial and financial importance. Illinois, great as she is in material wealth, material prosperity, is dearer to the Odd Fellows of the world because Odd Fellowship reigns within the great State of Illinos. Illinois since 1870 has doubled its population. I find from the census returns that Illinois had over two million five hundred thousand in 1870. In 1871 the Sovereign Grand Lodge met in Chicago, and I find she has now within her borders over four million people. Since 1871, when this Grand Body met in Chicago, she had not quite doubled her population; but what is her record in Odd Fellowship? That same year she had within her borders 18,000 Odd Fellows, but today, or within the close of the year 1896, she numbered 52,000, not including the Daughters of Rebekah, and I suppose they are fully the same in number. Grand old Illinois, grand in Odd Fellowship, grand in the names which are written upon the papers of her country's history. As has been said, she gave to her country a Lincoln, a Douglas, a Logan, and I may add, she gave another, one whose name has not been mentioned, the gallant Irishman, Hon. James Shields, who should not be forgotten when Illinois' great men are named; and what of Lyman Trumbull, and what of that gallant soldier, John M. Palmer? Write his name upon that glowing tablet of Illinois' great men.

"I stand before you, my brothers, in the Capital City of Illinois, but I appreciate that before me are sitting the representatives of other States and of other nations; some of them owe allegiance to that meteor flag of England, the country upon whose dominions the sun never sets. I look around and I recognize men who rode with General Morgan under the stars and bars. I recognize men who were at the Chickamauga field, and under that same flag. I recognize, and my eye catches the form of one of Illinois' men who was also at Chickamauga, and fought under the stars and stripes.

What does all this mean? It means that we are Odd Fellows; it means that it is a great lesson for all of us, and I cannot enter into the details of the things. The Jew and the Cnristian, the Mussulman, and the representatives of all have been assembled in one happy family. And how great it is, your Excellency. Within the walls of this magnificent capitol have doubtless assembled numerous conventions that may have been designed to accomplish good; but never, in my judgment, has your city given honors to such a great body. You may have seen the bankers' convention, and among this assemblage there are bankers. They met in convention for what purpose? For the selfish purpose to devise means that may be advanced, not for the sake of somebody else, but for me. Your political conventions assembled

within these walls, or may have done so, for the purpose of promoting the good or some theory of government, be it democratic or republican, and to that extent there is a selfishness in that character of convention. And here are these men, representatives coming from all over the North American continent, from far-off Manitoba, where the snow is falling and the country is frozen up, to where I live. From California to the glades of Florida. These men have gathered, not for a selfish purpose, but for the good of humanity. Let Springfield be proud of the assembly. We are delighted as members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at this hearty welcome. I am gratified to know that this is an exceptional occasion. During the time we have met, I have had the honor of attending the sessions in many state capitals. We have had the honor of being welcomed by the chief executive; but within my knowledge this is the first time that we have had the pleasure of being welcomed by the executive of the State and a Brother Odd Fellow—Bro. Tanner, Brother Tanner, not Governor Tanner alone, but Bro. Tanner! We accept the invitation in the name of the State of Illinois, and it gratifies us to receive it; but deeper and better comes the welcome from Bro. Tanner as an Odd Fellow.

We are here for business, and I am afraid I have said a little too much. I was requested to write a little address, and possibly it would have been better that I should have done it, but I am the poorest hand in the world to get up a prepared speech, but speaking as I do, I have detained this assemblage longer than I intended to, but I cannot close without something being said in response to the beautiful welcome tendered by the sisterly words that flowed from the heart through the lips, from our distinguished Sister who addressed us, Mrs. May D. Stone. Like when God created Adam, the world was incomplete until he created Eve, as a companion. In Odd Fellowship it was also incomplete until it took in the Rebekah Degree. I am proud of the achievements of the Rebekah Degree. I know that within your jurisdiction, Sister Stone, through the efforts of this Order, you have been enabled to build the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home at Lincoln.

Brothers, Sisters, Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, Governor Tanner, Mayor Wheeler, I can say to you, though small words, "God bless you!" to the welcome that was given us. I say to you and the Sovereign Grand Lodge says to you through me, "God bless you! We accept your hospitality."

At the conclusion of his address, Grand Sire Carleton rapped the assemblage to order, and the opening session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge was begun.

W. G. Nye, of Minnesota, at First M. E. Church, Tuesday, September 21.

The story of Odd Fellowship, though often heard, is always interesting and inspiring. The modest origin of the fraternity among the humble sons of toil; its early struggles against opposition born of jealousy and prejudice; its wonderful growth in numbers and in wealth; its splendid record of benevolent work, form themes which excite the interest of all and delight those who are participants in its works and sharers of its honors. Justly proud are we that in fewer years than mark the four-score limit of life's span one million men and women have volunteered and now retain position in our fraternal army. Justly proud that our Order's altar has been erected in almost every locality where there is the hum of industry from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the ice-clad plains of the north to the perfumed shores of the southern gulf. Proud that oceans have not been potent to stem its onward march, but that its banner has been reared beneath the flags of many nations. Proud, too, that many buildings owned by the Order attest its firm anchorage to the soil and insure its permanency; that its fidelity to its whole duty has led to the establishment of many homes and orphanages, which form the grandest monuments of its cause; that its benevolent work, so far as it can be measured in figures, has reached an annual total above three million dollars. Especially are we pleased and satisfied that the proud position which Odd Fellowship has attained in the front rank of fraternal organizations has been won through its intrinsic merit. No power derived from royal birth hurled it at once to place and power. It was not fostered by wealth or nurtured by government. No hired apostles heralded its virtues and established its Lodges. It has grown to its position solely by the purity of its fundamental truths, by the force of its simple though helpful lessons, by the attractions of its social life, and the faithfulness with which it has performed the duties assigned in that imperative law which commands the visitation of the sick, the relief of the distressed, the burial of the dead, and the education of the orphan. These are the forces which have impelled it onward, attracting to its ranks men of good repute and humane impulses, until it has become the fraternity of the people. These are the forces which have made Odd Fellowship a living, moving factor in the progress and development of humanity.

But while the Order's growth and work are interesting topics, the real value of the fraternity is not so easily described in figures. Its splendid membership, its halls and temples, its homes, its ever-enlarging expenditure in benevolent work, do not constitute Odd Fellowship. They are but outward evidences of its worth, but visble tokens of its prosperity. They are only the leaves and flowers; the real fruit, that which nourishes and sustains, is an influence born of its lessons and associations, which, quietly and unseen, flows outward from its

Lodge-rooms, penetrating every condition of society. An influence whose effect is to enlarge human sympathy, to breed toleration, to destroy the ignoble spirit of selfishness, and develop a broader, deeper, truer sense of human brotherhood. An influence which, operating upon the heart, and first felt upon the individual life, moulding and conforming it to the design of the Creator, stops not there, but passing into the busy world, becomes a potent factor in refining, ennobling and sweetening all human life, becomes an instrument to crush the evil and enlarge the good in every sphere of human action. What we call human progress is merely the outgrowth of ideas of right living born in the mind of the individual, developed in others through association and instruction until they become living principles, elevating mankind to a profounder law of thinking and doing. Grand as are the figures which tell of the fraternity's strength in numbers and in wealth, stupendous as is the sum which marks its financial ministrations, they pale to insignificance when compared to the power it exerts in teaching high ideas of life and its duties, and making those ideas realities in the every-day life of the people.

Odd Fellowship is an institution designed and maintained for service. It is not a haven of rest, but a field for the exercise of our best activities. The age in which its history has been written has witnessed, more generally than any similar period in the history of the world, the application of the materials and the forces of nature to the uses of man. The products of forest and mine have been seized and shaped into stately buildings, gigantic ships and marvelous structures of usefulness. The rivers have been utilized to turn the wheels of countless factories. Water has been transformed to vapor and made to turn machinery and minister to man's comfort. Lightning has by the inventive genius of man been brought to do his bidding and furnish light for the eye and motive power for useful work. In a word, the age has laid the secrets of nature at man's feet. Born and reared in such an age, the fraternity could but partake of its spirit and become an instrument of useful service. And such it has been, and is today. The outflow of wealth to the needy and distressed of its household; the charities so extended as not to offend; the large investment in permanent holdings, the homes for those who have become broken or bowed with the weight of years or misfortune, the homes and schools for the care and training of its orphan charges, attest in thunder tones our fraternity's service of actual work.

Of this service of work, however, I will speak no further, for I desire to point out a few of the many directions in which Odd Fellowship is rendering service through influence.

First of all, Odd Fellowship is rendering service by teaching and developing the great principle of equality—not of an equality of character, ability or wealth, but an equality by virtue of a common mon parentage and a common humanity. The doors to its Lodge-rooms open no wider to receive a king than a peasant; no more quickly

for a millionaire than for the man of moderate means. The passport to its sacred precincts is not rank, but virtue; not money, but manhood; not power, but character. Around its altar gather men of different grades of wealth and social standing, of varied opinions and beliefs, of every degree of education and culture, and with the clasping of hands and the touching of elbows each learns to regard the others for what they are, not for what they have. The false standards of wealth and station give place to the true standards of virtue and integrity. Men learn from its lessons that power is only an evidence of greatness when properly used; that wealth is only of service for the good that it can accomplish. The influence of these lessons learned through the companionship of the Lodge cannot be shut within the room with the books and regalia. It passes into the world and becomes a help in destroying the worship of wealth and the pandering to place or power. It breeds not enmity, but pity for the man who masses wealth for his own aggrandizement, while it glorifies him who, in his sphere of life, however humble, extends the helping hand to those around or below him. The world is better for such an influence, whose effect is already felt. Within a few years there died a man whose fortune was measured in the millions, who had tasted power as a senator from a western state, yet his death was scarcely noted and his name is already nearly forgotten. About the same time the proprietor of a great paper in the City of Brotherly Love passed away. His wealth could be told in thousands, he had not attained distinction in political life, and yet in almost every city of our land meetings were held and eloquent tributes were paid to his memory and worth. Why? Simply because he had been helpful according to his opportunities; because he had permitted the rays of comfort and happiness that fell upon him to reflect some of their sunlight into the lives of his less fortunate fellowman.

Odd Fellowship unfolds the truth so beautifully expressed by the great preacher-poet of our inland metropolis:

"Though we may climb earth's proudest height;
Though we may sit on hills afar—
Where earth's grandest triumphs are;
Though all deepest mysteries be open to our sight;
If we win not by that power
For the world a rich dower—
If this great humanity share not our gain,
We have lived our lives in vain.

"Though our days be long and bright;
Though upon our brow we wear
Health and grace, and beauty rare;
Though the hours fly swiftly, singing in their flight;
If we let no glory down,
Any sadden life to crown;
If our health and beauty have no ministry for pain,
We have lived our lives in vain."

Then, again, the lessons and associations of the fraternity teach man's dependency and the duties which spring from it. Odd Fellowship in its origin, its growth, and its present stable position, is an expression of man's need of friendly association, for sympathy, for helpfulness. It is an adaptation of nature's great principle of organization to the affairs of men. A study of nature and all her marvellous products reveals the fact that no element exists alone and unrelated. Each is harnessed with some other element or elements, and they are working together for a common purpose. The air we breathe, the water so essential to the sustenance of all life, the earth and all it contains, are but results of the combination of forces. Vegetable life needs the sunlight, but before the sunlight alone it droops and dies. It needs as well the alternate shade, the moisture of the air, the richness of the soil, to bring full and perfect fruition. Man is not an exception to the universal rule of dependency. The thread of a human life is not a single, separate strand, but it is entwined and interwoven with many others. From cradle to coffin, no man stands entirely alone. He needs the help of others, and they in turn need help. For the comforts, the pleasures, the necessities even of life, he is dependent upon the service of others. Our fraternity sprang from a recognition of this dependency. It is an embodiment of the principle that as the buds need the sunlight and the rain to unfold their hidden beauties, so man must be brought into contact and companionship with man to develop the instinct of helpfulness which lies slumbering within him. Every line of its written lessons, every symbol and emblem, serve to impress members with the idea of their mutual relationship and dependency, and to prompt them to perform the varied duties which that relationship involves. They point to the sick unattended, the dead unburied, the widow in want, the orphan in ignorance, the willing laborer unemployed, and say: "They are of one family with you. Help as you have opportunity." The Order does not concern itself with the great impossibilities of life, but it commands a performance of the small possibilities. True, its first duty is to those of its households, to those who are bound together by its sacred bands; but from such ministrations as the Order requires, its members learn the blessedness, the splendor of ministry to others, their sympathies are enlarged, and sorrow and suffering wherever found command their earnest attention. Thus it renders a service of influence whose result is the improvement of humanity.

Odd Fellowship exercises an influence also in moulding human character. It does not pretend to be reformatory. It does not claim to teach new principles, but only to develop and strengthen those already possessed. It seeks only the best material obtainable, men of unquestioned character, and by a source of moral training makes them exemplars for the outside world, which will be bettered by the reflex of their lives and conduct. That some who bear the name are not all that Odd Fellows should be cannot be denied. But this does not, as

some detractors claim, demonstrate the uselessness of the fraternity. No individual is perfect. No society has ever held or can hope to hold an unbroken rank of perfect men. We cannot but realize at times that many of us fall short of the standards of the Order. But this is no cause for discouragement. Froude said, "Every man knows better than he practices, and recognizes a higher law than he obeys." He might have added that every one is better because of that better knowledge, that higher law. Who then shall say that Odd Fellows are not made better because of the high ideals placed before them? The fraternity presents for our guidance the purest principles which can animate the human heart. It bids its adherents be strong in friendship, radiant in love, invincible in truth. It inculcates that noble charity which smooths the haggard features of want, pours the wine of Samaritan kindness into the wounds of the suffering, rejoices with a brother in his prosperity, cheers him in his adversity, and defends his character from unjust and unmerited reproach; a charity which knows no favorites, which visits alike the prison and the palace, the abode of want as well as the home of plenty. It teaches every principle which serves to elevate the mind above the mist of doubt and bigotry and vice into the clear sunlight, where sparkles every virtue which ennobles character and exalts life. Are these lessons only of service to those who receive them? Does their influence extend no further than our membership? Daniel Webster, it is said, was once asked what was the greatest thought he had ever entertained. After a moment's hesitation, he replied: "The thought of my personal responsibility of life." Such is indeed a great thought. No one who reflects upon the mighty force and kingly power of influence can fail to be impressed with the idea of his personal responsibility. Everywhere man moves he will have associates who will be made better or worse through the influence of such association. Every one, consciously or unconsciously, either helps in the upbuilding of his companions or acts as a clog upon their progress. If, then, the lessons of Odd Fellowship are helpful—and who can dispute that they are?—their influence is felt for good in every community where its evening song of Friendship, Love and Truth is heard.

There flows outward from our Order also an influence which strengthens patriotism. Loyalty to country is one of the first tenets of the fraternity, and its lessons all inculcate allegiance to the flag under which its members dwell. More than this, the enlarged views of life obtained through the companionship afforded by its Lodges tend to make its members students of the problems of government and advocates of every measure which promises the highest good. There will be ever in every country grave questions upon whose correct solution depend its prosperity and advancement. In our land today the invention of machinery, unrestricted immigration, and the attractions of urban life, have filled our cities with willing men unable to secure employment. Capital has combined; not always, as many

believe, to raise prices and dictate an unjust return, but to lessen expenses so that a fair return may be assured. Labor also has organized to secure a fair return for its investment. Out of these conditions has grown the labor problem with its strikes and lockouts, paralyzing industry and commerce and entailing untold suffering. Where lies the solution of this problem, whether in shortening the hours of labor that more men may find employment, in restricting immigration, in prohibiting, or at least controlling, by the force of law all combinations, or, in government control of the arteries of commerce, I shall not attempt to say. Certain it is that in the settlement of this problem Odd Fellowship will play a prominent part, not as an organization, but through its influence in developing patriotic, justice-loving citizens. The gathering within its lodge-rooms of employer and employee, of the man whose capital is money and the one whose capital is the labor he can perform with hands or brain, will do much to beget a kindlier feeling, will help to span the imaginary chasm between capital and labor with an arch of justice, fighting back the greed of capital on the one hand and keeping down the fell spirit of anarchy upon the other. The sympathies of the Order are with the toiling masses. It draws its membership from the ranks of those who toil at the desk, the bench, the anvil, the plow, or the loom. It ever upholds the dignity of labor—labor that employs the intellect, the heart, the hand. It says to the toiling millions, "Hold up your brow, in honest pride, though rough and soiled your hands may be. Such hands are sap-veins that provide the life-blood of the nation's tree. There is glory in the shuttle's song, there is triumph in the anvil's stroke, there is merit in the brave and strong, who dig the mine and fell the oak." Every lesson of the fraternity reveals duties whose performance will help to solve some of humanities problems, will help to soften some of the dangers which lurk in our social or political life. Through these lessons it becomes a healing influence, struggling side by side with the church, the school and the press to elevate character, to exalt public opinion, to stimulate the masses to higher works, to unify the race. It is yielding to its high ideals, its splendid principles, fruit for the higher development of man in justice and loyalty.

Again, Odd Fellowship exerts an influence upon the educational life of the people. The rendering of its ritual, the transaction of its business, confer upon those who participate a practical education of service in all the avenues of life, an education which fits them better for the manifold duties of citizenship Its members, exalted high in the councils of state and nation, or bearing themselves proudly as sovereign citizens, are better officers and better citizens because of their connection with the fraternity, unless they have closed their hearts and minds to its inspiring influence. They are better able to see the right and judge the wrong. They are stronger to contend for the masses in every conflict for liberty. They are better prepared in every way to be conservers of society, the bulwark of the state. For the Or-

der educates for usefulness, not destruction. Its lessons remove the narrowness of thought, false opinions and pernicious ideas of class, that the mind, cleansed of evil thought, may be a strong foundation upon which to build the structure of manhood, that the heart, with its affections enlarged and kindled, may be a fountain from which will flow streams of honor, truth and justice, making green the waste places in our social life. The educational force of the Order may seem weak, for it is silent; but so are all the powers of nature. The force of heat as it turns water to vapor, draws it heavenward and then causes it to descend, refreshing the earth, is exerted quietly and unseen. The power of electricity as it unfolds from the dynamo is silent, but it turns the darkness of night to the brilliancy of day, propels cars along our avenues and roads, and permits conversation by voice or sign from city to city, from continent to continent. The morning light as it comes streaming across the heavens indicates no power, yet falling on the face of the earth it unfolds the beauty of blossom, gives energy to tree and herb and grass, and ripens the golden grain. The force of our Order's priceless lessons, the power of its royal companionship, though silent and unseen, move outward and onward, conquering and to conquer. What a grave responsibility rests upon our membership, if they keep this force so pure and strong that it will be an inspiration to a grander and wiser humanity than the world has yet seen!

But the best influence of this fraternity springs from its power to generate and develop the spirit of brotherly love. Selfishness has ever been the foe of human progress. Selfish interest prompted Cain to slay his brother that he might be first in the affections of his parents; the selfishness of his brothers sold Joseph into slavery; Saul was inspired by selfishness to seek the life of David, who had won his way to the hearts of the people. In all the ages of the world selfishness has prompted acts of cruelty and torture, and its pathway has been marked by blood and bondage. Against this ignoble spirit of selfishness the principle of fraternity, of brotherly love, has ever been pitted. Its effect is exactly opposite. It draws hearts together and animates them with a common hope and a common purpose. Tennyson truly wrote,

"Love took up the harp of life, smote on all the chords with might;
Smote the chord of self, which trembling passed in music out of sight."

Moses, turning from the charms of rank and power in Pharaoh's court to lead a lowly people; Jonathan, sacrificing his right to a kingly crown that he might save the life of David, his friend; Pythias, even risking life as a hostage for Damon; Sidney upon the battlefield of Zutphen, waiving the cup of water offered in his aid and commanding that it be given to a wounded soldier lying near, are a few examples of the exercise of this principle, which glisten like stars in the firmament of the past. Besides these, many more humble results of this principle appear all along the walks of life; for it is not a spirit which needs a great opportunity, but it prompts as well what the poet Wordsworth called "That better portion of a good man's life, his little, nameless,

unremembered acts of kindness and of love." Despite the examples of the past, despite moral and religious training, selfishness still exists and sheds its blighting influence on humanity. Men are all not unlike the Irishman who, when about to enter upon a duel, asked his seconds to see that he was placed three paces nearer his adversary than his adversary was to him. The only force which can break down this fell spirit is brotherly love, and the world needs the growth of this principle. It is needed in the church, in our legislative halls, in the busy marts of trade. Before its progress selfishness, intolerance and vice will fade away even as the mist and fog vanish before the advance of the morning sun. It is a high and important office of Odd Fellowship to strengthen this principle, to encourage its practice among the brothers, to send them forth to be its disseminators among all the sons of men. It is a glorious cause, worthy of the best endeavor of every one. And if our fraternity is doing aught to strengthen this spirit of fraternity, to develop a deeper sense of brotherhood, it must be counted a moral force, an active agent in the great cause of human progress.

These, my friends, are some of the many directions in which the fraternity of Odd Fellows is operating for the good of humanity. They are sufficient, I trust, to demonstrate that it is not only helpful in its ministrations, but helpful in its influences; not only of service in its work, but of service through its ideals.

Tonight, as we gather in annual reunion with those who have contributed to the upbuilding of Odd Fellowship, there rise grave thoughts of the responsibility which rests upon those who now compose its fraternal host. The result of years of growth and of progressive development is ours, a legacy from the brothers of the past. Ours, then, the duty of maintaining the Order's purity, of keeping it true to its mission of helpfulness, of strengthening its influence upon the world. Ours the duty of maintaining its progressive character, of keeping it abreast of the times. Let us not forget that "New occasions teach new duties. Time makes ancient good uncouth; we must upward still and onward, if we keep abreast of Truth."

We must ever grasp for our fraterniity the new occasions, seize and perform the new duties, or it will be counted an unprofitable servant. Of a continued growth in numbers and wealth there need be no fear. The fraternity's position is too firmly established to feel the pratings of cynics or the ban of church. Its only danger is from within, and its future, as has its past, will depend upon the personal character of its members, upon the fidelity with which it cares for those united by its invisible bands, upon the purity and force of its ideals. But keep the fraternity true to its principles, keep before its members high ideals, and it will grow and encompass the earth. So long as men standing without its portals amid the selfishness and greed of the world can look to our Lodges and see them filled with men of honesty, integrity and sobriety, can note that they dwell together in harmony and peace, that the strong support the weak, that the rich are helpful to

the poor, and that the influences which emanate therefrom are good and for good, just so long will they seek admission to the fraternity with all the anxiety and ardor with which a sailor storm-tossed upon the ocean seeks admission to the quiet, restful harbor.

Hon. Lucius H. Fuller, Grand Representative of Connecticut.

Mr. President, Past Grand Representatives, Members of the S. G. L., Sisters and Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

To say that I was surprised when I received the invitation from the President of the Past Grand Representatives' Association to address you upon this occasion, is putting it mildly. I felt then, and still feel, my utter inadequacy for the task assigned me; but coming from the State, and from the county, and from the town, which bear the name of that sturdy old hero, whose fame and reputation is the common property of the whole country, Israel Putnam, whose motto was: "I dare to lead where any dare to follow," I felt that I could not well refuse. Perhaps I should change the phrases a little and say that I dare to follow where any dare to lead. But after such an eloquent address as you have already listened to, although I feel more keenly my inability, I feel that while not as much will be required of me, I yet am moved by the enthusiasm which this occasion engenders to contribute my mite "for the good of the Order." I wish in doing this I could add the spice of the "Nutmeg" for which Connecticut has been held famous, and sometimes maligned, to season the intellectual pabulum which you have and are to receive this evening. I fear, however, that my eloquence, like the supposititious production of my own State, is "wooden."

Speaking of this, I desire to say that if they ever did manufacture wooden nutmegs, they were exclusively for outside consumption and for the export trade. No one ever accused us of buying or using them, and besides, this occurred, if at all, before the establishment of Odd Fellowship within our borders.

This is one of the red-letter days of Odd Fellowship; one of those gala occasions when the hearts of our members are gladdened by the presence of their brethren from the different jurisdictions.

No one can witness such a splendid demonstration as we have seen today, even though he had little interest in the Order, and was not even a member, without feeling imbued with the spirit of the occasion. It repays us, brethren, for much hard work that we have given the Order. The Odd Fellows of this State and city, with their committees, are deserving of great credit for the magnificent manner in which we have been and are being entertained. We shall all, I am sure, carry back with us most pleasant and lasting impressions of our visit.

here. I am glad to be present in the beautiful city of this great and prosperous State, the home of the immortal Lincoln and of Grant, a Douglas and a Logan, names dear to every patriotic, liberty-loving heart; and I bring from the first State to adopt a written constitution and the fourth in its admission to the union of States, to the twenty-first, the Prairie State, but which has so far outstripped her older sisters as to be the third in population, and to representatives from all nations, most warm, cordial and loyal greetings.

When I note the tremendous growth, the wonderful strides, the vast and magnificent resources of this section, I am, as an American, somewhat resigned to its relinquishment, for, in the original charter granted to the colony of Connecticut, the western boundary was made the Pacific ocean, and I am satisfied that there could have been no improvement over present conditions or increased prosperity had this section continued under the ownership and tutelage of even so good a State as Connecticut. We are glad we gave you a chance, and that you have in so pre-eminent a manner, with the other sections, demonstrated your ability to "go it alone."

I am proud of my connection with this great Order, which I believe is held to be the greatest among fraternal orders, as it certainly is the most progressive. I think this can be truthfully said without injustice to the other orders. We do not, of course, lay claim to the antiquity of the grand old Masonic Order; but in all the essentials of brotherhood and fraternity, we are certainly their equals.

Since the ladies were enlisted in this work, the Order has gained vastly in influence and importance. All thanks to the Rebekah branch of the Order. May they live long and prosper. But there are higher things than membership in a Lodge, broader and farther reaching than even the obligations we assume; or, perhaps, to state the case more accurately, broader than we usually interpret them.

What wonderful strides have been made among the fraternal organizations since the advent of this century, and hw marvelous seems the progress of our American branch of Odd Fellowship in the seventy-eight years of its history! Along with the marvels and progress which the material world has made, Odd Fellowship has traveled with an equal pace, and those who can recall the Order as it was in its early years, and contrast this with its present development, must be amazed at the rapidity of its growth.

Brothers, we have entered into a covenant, and we must, yea, it should be our highest privilege to maintain and carry out its heaven-directing principles. Shall we permit inactivity and selfishness to destroy the spirit, intent and purpose of that solemn compact? The responsibility is great. The world is watching us, but we are no longer, as of old, denounced as anti-Christian, or disorganizers of society, or selfish in our acts.

Let our actions comport with the rule laid down in the unerring standard of divine truth, "to do unto others as we would they should do unto us." Let us endeavor to promote harmony in our respective lodges; to avoid vexatious disputes, which are so often provocative of serious trouble; for the permanent success and prosperity of the lodge depends absolutely upon the maintenance of harmonious relations between its members, and the lack of this has often led to gradual disintegration.

With these aims constantly in view, whether we walk in sunlight or shadow, whether our environment shall be sombre or glad, we shall have the serene consciousness of duty well performed, and through the dark night of our earthly pilgrimage shall break at last the splendor of the eternal dawn.

In all the history of the world, dark and discreditable as have been its main episodes, there has always been an under current of loyalty to goodness and truth.

And so there come drifting down to us, out of the mists and shadows of the past, those high thoughts which gave inspiration and infused courage in the loyal, truth-loving hearts of those who honestly tried to ameliorate the condition and elevate the character of their fellow men.

The same high resolves and lofty courage should animate us. For the whole world is ever kin, and in all ages and conditions the same thoughts and sentiments have been uppermost in the minds of men who have been moved by high and lofty purposes. So will the fruition of our hopes be realized, and our Order, grand as has been its development in the past, glowing with promise as its future now seems, will live along the years to come, more useful and more radiant with the reflected splendor of its glorious principles, to that far end of time when, at the last, footsteps of the good, the real and true shall echo upon the golden pavements of the starry heavens above.

Stilwell H. Russell, of Dallas, Texas.

Brother President, Odd Fellows, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am grateful for the courtesy by which I am permitted to address you, and request your indulgence while I speak of Odd Fellowship, as its teachings have impressed me during an active membership covering about one-third of its existence.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a product of this Republic, the first lodge of which was instituted in 1819, by a then obscure man, amidst difficult surroundings, with only five witnesses to its birth. It came as the offering of necessity, produced by the lack of fraternal duty and love; and when it was proclaimed by its humble author from the lowly place of its birth, skepticism and doubt assailed it, rejected it with derision, as were the conditions it was created to

relieve treated by the influences ever at war with right and justice. It was different with those who were pinched by misfortune and driven in the maelstrom of misery that swept like a simoon over their hopes and destiny. They looked upon it as a Bethlehem of the western world, as an Evangel with open palms tearing from the faces of the distressed the curtain of misery darkening their lives, to redeem afflicted homes from penury and ignorance.

It was indeed a temple of humanity, dedicated to fraternity, a fraternity in the family of man, to foster and hasten the period when universal love would cement in one bond a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men. And who was the builder of this temple? No pomp or heraldry emblazoned his hitherto obscure name. No hereditary honors glittered around his brow. A stranger in a strange land, whose footprints in American soil were made as the roar of England's cannon was still resounding in the capital of the young republic, and the dying echoes were still reverberating around the place selected as the home of fraternal love, where was cradled a fellowship born of a heart imbued with justice and true benevolence, he was unlearned in books, but wise in nature's lessons; unacquainted with literature, yet tons of it are printed and diffused to teach the world what was said and done by him. His brain was not cultured by draughts from the Pierian Springs, for such fountains were closed to him. With his heart touched by affliction, he had drunk deep of the waters of life, and he stood forth redeemed and disenthralled from the bigoted prejudice of caste and the curse of selfishness.

"He could not know of another's woe
And not feel in sorrow too;
He could not know of another's grief
And not seek for kind relief."

In such a spirit and such heart, he, Thomas Wildey, fresh from the forge, organized a fraternal revolution that has now its followers in every clime, bound in a loving brotherhood as strong as hooks of steel can fasten the adamantine hills.

With your permission, Brother President, and as a partial digression from my subject, I want to say to our Brother Representatives from the magnificent Jurisdiction of Illinois, that it was a happy thought on their part, supported by untiring zeal in the interest of the Odd Fellows and citizens generally of this section of our common country, in inducing the Sovereign Representatives of the Order founded by the lamented and beloved Thomas Wildey to meet in this, the State of Lincoln and Grant. Such a presence in this Flower City reminds us of those three historic men, whose lives, starting from parallel conditions, moved from obscurity into such eminence that they will remain in the good opinion of mankind.

The speaker paid eloquent tribute to Lincoln and Grant, and Wildey, the founder of Odd Fellowship.

What of Odd Fellowship? The morning dew coming to the withered grass gives it fresh beauty and strength to bear the heat and waste of the day. Odd Fellowship, coming to the heart of man, touches his withered nature, strikes from it the sordid greed of self, and gives him a new manhood to check the evils of the flesh. The tiny drop resting upon the bosom of the flower, caught up by the rays of the morning sun, sparkles with celestial beauty. Odd Fellowship, resting upon the heart, stirring the fibers of love, awakens a fraternal melody that goes over the world of woe like an anthem of peace and good will, sparkling with Faith and Hope. The stars in their courses shine with meteoric splendor, illuminating the broad pathway of the skies, and as tapers in the gateway of heaven, behold, enthroned, Jehovah Omnipotent and Omniscient. Odd Fellowship amidst humanity makes resplendent human love, brightens the pathway of earth's weary pilgrim as a "pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night" in the gateway of eternity, beholding for him a place of immortal refuge. All nature, bathed in the crystal dew, beautifies this glorious footstool of God as if embraced by his smiles; humanity blessed by our fellowship, soothed by the wand of friendship's charity, inspires belief in the fatherhood of God.

Odd Fellowship is the corner-stone of fraternal benevolence. It is the enduring exemplification of man's duty to man, and an emanation of the heart directing the impulses to do unto others as we would have others do by us.

With the beauties of creation there came man created from the wisdom of God, and then, as the teardrop of his pity, and from the conscience of his love, woman came. Man and woman, birthrights of genius and of love, are acknowledged to be the matchless production of God's creative power. What a wonderful being is man! As Lord Bacon puts it, "He is the thing around which the whole world centers." Of all creation, he alone held speech with the Maker. Spoken to from Sinai's summit, he was taught the fatherhood of God; responding from Calvary's cross, he taught the brotherhood of man. In the law from the Father is found the guidance of his faith, and in the act of the Son is found his contrition and redemption. In the Master and man is a divine unity—a God-like blending of spirit and matter before which all else doth bow.

What purity of creation of woman! and not, as Shakespeare puts it: "The cunningest pattern of excelling nature." She is of such loveliness of character that the angels sound rhythms in her praise, and of such beauty and fidelity in person that man is at once her defender and her slave. She was the first to proclaim Jehovah's triumph over the enemies of her people, and her faith then became the virtue of the ages. She was the last at the cross and first at the sepulchre, where she consecrated and baptized Christianity with her tears, became its god-mother, and bequeathed to it her constancy and love, her

faith and hope; and it may be but for woman's constancy and love, her countenance and support, Christianity would have faded with the rolling-away of the stone. She is the citadel of honor, virtue and faith, the refuge of man's hope and of his redemption, and she lives purified and redeemed from the transgressions of the world. Of all earth's monarchs she alone has ruled as sovereign for sixty years, and still reigns with the same fidelity to duty, and loyalty to honor in wife, mother and queen, as when her brow was first pressed with the jeweled crown.

Then followed a tribute to Odd Fellows' Homes.

Who so capable of assuming grief or alleviating unhappy surroundings, and the elevation of manhood as woman?

While much has been done by the Sovereign Legislature of our Order in recognition of her status in it, yet more can be and I think should be done. Under our law any white woman of good moral character, 18 years of age, is eligible to membership; yet it denies the same right to the mother, who by her own integrity and individuality of character has made eligible the daughter, if she be not the wife or widow of an Odd Fellow. Why this distinction was ever contended for passes my humble comprehension. We require the help of every true woman in our cause, no matter if it is her unfortunate destiny to be the wife of a man who is incapable of appreciating the beauties of Odd Fellowship or of laying aside the greed of self. We want the wife and mother with us, feeling confident that when she is imbued with the purposes of Odd Fellowship, and animated by its pure principles, she will be able to educate the crusty and selfish husband to become a co-worker in bearing the burdens of one another. "Bear ye one another's burdens." A mother's presence should follow the daughter into the Lodge-room, and thereby intensify devotion to the Lodge and the home.

I am proud to state in this presence that the representatives from Texas presented a resolution at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge declaring that all white women, 18 years of age and of good moral character, who believe, as Odd Fellowship teaches, in a Supreme Being, should be eligible to membership in our beloved Order. When we recognize the fact that woman is the only unselfish being in all creation; that her fortitude and fidelity make her stand while others fall; that in the lexicon of duty she knows no such word as fail, and that without her man is as chaff tossed by the hurricane of despair; then, and not till then, will the Order in all its completeness be the fraternal Gibraltar amidst the world's desolation, standing immutable as a refuge against the angry billows of poverty and distress, bidding and beckoning the sufferer to rest in safety within the outstreched arms of the brotherhood.

Address of Honorable Charles M. Busbee, of North Carolina, Past Grand Sire, at the Lincoln Monument.

Chevaliers and Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I esteem it a privilege to stand with uncovered head within the shadows of the tomb of Abraham Lincoln. I say that as a southern man, truthfully and without affectation. For the name of that illustrious man, whose body rests beneath the soil of the State he loved so well, is held in honor and high reverence among the people of the South. They claim the memory of his life and virtues as the common heritage of every American citizen. And to the Union which he preserved they yield a patriotic devotion and a firm and changeless love second to none other.

No greater calamity could have befallen the South at the time than the death of Lincoln. At that especial juncture he was by inclination and the chance of circumstances its best and most capable friend. During those dreadful years, when the red glare of war illumined the land, and the passions of men were at white heat, no word of bitterness or defamation toward the people of the South ever escaped his lips. He gave us credit for being conscientious. He never bore us malice. For that we revere his name. He had but one purpose; his constant and sublime desire was that the Union might be preserved—a union of co-equal States, as it had always been, and is now and must ever be, if the Republic is to stand the test of time and trial, which God grant. No higher duty ever fell to the lot of mortal man, nor one more faithfully discharged. To him we largely owe the glory and unbroken strength of the nation today.

If Lincoln had lived, there would have been no such dismal process of reconstruction, in many respects more disastrous than the war itself, which the South was called upon to endure. He stood and struggled only that the country might not be dismembered, and that being prevented, his great heart would have turned towards us full of love and pity. There would have been no corrupt and predatory State governments in the South, if he had lived, no engendering of racial antagonisms, no reign of the bayonet after the last shot had been fired; but there would have been a complete and speedy reconciliation and re-union upon the basis of mutual toleration and the burial of passion and resentment. The love that had lived and blossomed for centuries between North and South would have been immediately awakened into new life, after its four years' sleep. The government, under his guiding hand, would have followed the same lines that this great Order followed at the session of its Sovereign Legislature in September, 1865, when, with united heart and voice, it declared that war had not severed our fraternal relations, and that the seats of the Southern Representatives awaited their occupancy: that the war, thank God, had ended, and that the Order, like the peaceful re-uniting

of angry and separated waters, should bear upon its bosom no token of the strife that was past. In that broad and tolerant spirit of fraternity, without the surrender of a conviction or a principle on the part of the North, would the Union have been at once restored without the slow and chafing process of the reconstruction that was had, if Lincoln had lived.

And so I say that we of the South are ever glad to do honor to his memory. The world is better because he lived. His soul was full of love of human kind; his highest hope that by his efforts peace with a land again united should come to the Nation so sorely tried. It came, but in the very hour of its coming God called him from his work. He was not permitted to see his country at rest, but his spirit remains among us, inciting us to renewed endeavor in all patriotic ways to make of this beloved land of ours the greatest Republic that the world has ever seen—the hope and safeguard of all liberty-loving people.

Address of Hon. Alfred S. Pinkerton, of Massachusetts, Deputy Grand Sire, at Lincoln Monument, Springfield.

Mr. President, Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have listened with pleasure to the eloquent words already spoken. It is fitting that those who once wore the gray should thus speak of him who in days less bright typified the integrity of the Nation. In happy phrases they referred to the statesman and the man. The homage due to faithfulness and courage has been gracefully and sincerely rendered. Here we could well pause; yet I deem it a privilege, representing, as in part I do, an entirely different portion of our common country than that from which my Brothers come, to add a single leaf to the memorial garland woven by their more skillful hands, and to indorse the sentiments they have uttered, even if I cannot imitate the graceful diction of their speech.

It is no unmeaning pilgrimage that brings us here; no idle ceremony that of this hour. Beneath this bright summer's sky, under these spreading branches, in this quiet acre of the dead, the Representatives of an Order founded in human love and dedicated to human purposes have assembled to honor the memory not only of one of the greatest figures in the world's history, but of one whose life and work testified to his faith in brotherhood; in the strength, vitality and power of a noble and upright manhood; in the inherent truth and righteousness of the sober second sense of the American people; in the nobility of character.

From all portions of this land we come. Not only as Odd Fellows, but as citizens of the Republic. Sharers of the blessings of free government, we reverently speak of one who led the hosts of light, and more than any other single man kept this legacy for you and me.

Gone are the shadows of the past; buried the years of recrimination and of storm. We meet here as members and lovers of an indivisible Union; as co defenders of the flag that Lincoln lifted, and of the Republic of America, which is enshrined in every heart and sacred to every believer in the rights of man. Lincoln lived and died in stormy times. It is fitting that those who shared the turmoil of those days, who were participants in the events that directed the destinies of this land, should have precedence here. A brave man understands a brave man's nature. The American soldier learned of what material his countrymen were made, and in the generous rivalry of peace and the mutual recognition of each other's valor we would not interfere; but to those of us to whom the days of warfare and of passion are but of history; who know war only by its fruits: who enjoy the blessings of peace and know its cost only in the recollection of a mother's tears or a sister's pallid face; to whom it was necessary to tell the story of the sheathed sword now hanging on the walls of home; to whom the heroic figures of '61 and '65 are but characters on time's dial, it is a privilege beyond compare to testify by voice, by presence and by act, how much we owe to Lincoln's example, manliness, and power. We recall his wonderful career. We have read with absorbing interest the great debate with him whom, alone of all other sons, Illinois has honored as she has honored Lincoln. We have traced his upward career. The pages of history have told us his story. By the family fireside we learned of his devotion to principle; of his steadfast adhesion to what he believed to be right; of his hate of cant and pretense; of his loyalty to honesty and truth; of his hours of anguish and sorrow; of his unswerving faith in the future of his country. Outlined against the veil of the past, his is the gigantic figure of the age. He seems the apostle of a new world; the leader of a people that is about to enter into its promised land. Illinois has been singularly fortunate in her contribution to later history. Douglas, Grant, Logan, and a host of others in field and cabinet, have honored this State and the Nation they served. But as I stood beneath the roof of an humble dwelling-house in this city, and realized that from its portals Lincoln went forth to assume the highest political title earth can give, I doubted if any better illustration of the possibilities of American citizenship; of the capabilities for self-government of our people; of their instinctive selection of the best men to work their will, could be offered than the career of that son of the prairies whose memory we honor to-day.

In any other land than this it would be hardly possible, this transition from the rail-splitter to the President. Wonderful the personal career of Lincoln; beyond all measure his service to this land and to humanity! Friend and opponent alike now recognize and acknowledge the wisdom of his counsels; the disinterestedness of his purposes; the overshadowing devotion to liberty and country that directed his every act. He was a student of men as well as of political economy. He was a politician in the best sense of the term. He was a statesman

worthy of the name. All that impartial history accords him we acknowledge; all a grateful people say in praise we concede; but I take it we do not to-day honor Lincoln the statesman in such a measure as we do Lincoln the man. So frank was he; so honest in his intercourse with all; so broad in his human statesmanship; so firm his faith in the ultimate wisdom of this people, that it has been well said here that the South lost its best friend when Lincoln died. His was not a war of conquest, but of unification; his methods of reconstruction were based upon the love of men and just recognition of the political and social rights of every citizen in every portion of this land. Time, that dims and defaces the memory of most men, adds luster to that of the few. Conquerers appear, are glorified, and forgotten; history keeps their names, but they dwell not on human lips. The people's heart enshrines only those whose heroism and chivalry is born of high ideals. The name transmitted from generation unto generation is of one who conquered not the arms, but the hearts of men; who sought in aspiration and in statesmanship not personal aggrandizement, but the elevation of human character, the broadening of human opportunity, the uplifting of a world. Such a man was Lincoln; and as we gather around this sacred spot, as we recall the virtues of our dead, we repeat the words:

"Such graves as his are pilgrim shrines,
Shrines to no code or creed confined,
The Delphian Vales, the Palestines,
The Meccas of the mind."

Think of Lincoln as about to assume the Presidency; recall his career. The champion of a once unpopular cause beholding the great initial triumph of those principles of which he was, perhaps, the foremost advocate; the victor in an intellectual warfare with a recognized giant of debate, with whom to break a lance was an honor to be coveted; in the convention of his party, grasping the laurel wreath from the hands of a statesman older and approved; the acknowledged leader of a great political organization then for the first time assuming power; the herald of new methods of administration and of new policies in government; a partisan by nature and by necessity; chosen to the highest office in the gift of man: called from his Springfield home to be the leader not only of a party, but of a nation; to occupy the chair of Washington, of Adams, of Madison, and of Jefferson; it would be only human if something of the spirit of personal exultation should have found expression in public utterance. That such words were unspoken does not indicate that he was insensible to personal success. He was of earthly mould; but that he believed in freedom, in the political principles for which he contended, and that their advancement was dearer to him than personal success, may be justly claimed and will be fully conceded by every student of history. Face to face with problems that might well have appalled statesmen of wider experience; set in the midst of sectional strife and a war of human pas-

sions; standing in the shadow of the capital of what many then believed to be a dissolving Nation; it was not the voice of a mere political partisan or of a sectional captain that spoke in his first inaugural. Surely a great prophetic soul found expression in the words "The mystic cord of memory, stretching from every battle-field and patriot grave to every living heart and hearth-stone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature." Has not history justified the prophecy? Has not the mystic cord of memory re-united a people strengthened by sacrifice and suffering? From the grave of every American soldier comes the music of the Union. The blue and the gray have clasped hands in a perpetual brotherhood. The "better angels of our nature" have regained dominion, and an imperishable political union, a union of the people of the republic, is the visible and tangible result. Again we rally around the flag, and woe to him who first assails it. From yonder shaft of granite looks down the rugged kindly face of Lincoln, and here we renew our allegiance to the land he served, to the citizenship he exemplified.

I come from the home of Phillips the radical to that of Douglas the conservative, from the birthplace of Joe Hooker to the State that gave the world the modest, conquering, generous soldier of Appomattox, from the tomb of the polished and aristocratic Sumner to the resting-place of the apostle of the "plain" people. I am bid by the soldiers of John A. Andrew to place beside these blossoms of magnolia this sprig of northern pine; to unite with these eloquent Brothers of the Southland in homage to the memory of one who was the true American. Living, he was a people's leader; dead, his memory is a world's inspiration. Thirty-four years ago to-day he wrote the words that made men free. His living eyes beheld the dawn of peace; perhaps, from a celestial world he gazes upon a land and people in which and by whom his name is blessed. His works do follow him. Lift high the Banner of the Stars, and bear ye witness that, from ocean to ocean, all who dwell beneath its folds are loyal citizens of the Union; that, come what may, a government of and by and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Greeting of Business Men.

The Business Men's Association, conscious of the honor conferred upon the City of Springfield by holding in it the seventy-third Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., hereby urge and request all the members of our Association, and the citizens in general, to extend every courtesy and hospitality possible on this occasion.

The meeting of the Supreme Body of this great Order in our city marks an epoch in the history of Springfield. We are to entertain and extend hospitality to a Fraternal Order which inculcates the great principles of Friendship, Love and Truth; whose temples are dedicated

to the perpetuation and promotion of practical and universal benevolence; whose trophies are made resplendent through kind deeds to a brother, in supplying the means for the care of the needy and suffering, and in dotting the land with philanthropic institutions to care for the widow and the orphan.

The Business Men's Association recognizes with just pride that among the membership of this Order are active business men—the employer and the employe, meeting on a common level and animated by the desire to promote the universal brotherhood of mankind.

The Business Men's Association of the City of Springfield, sensible of the noble objects and purposes of this Order, welcomes it in the name of Friendship, Love and Truth, and stands ready at all times to extend fraternal greeting, trusting that its sojourn in our city may be one of profit and pleasure to the Order.

L. H. Coleman, John T. Grimsley,
R. L. McGuire, Chas. E. Selby,
B. A. Lange, Stuart Brown,
E. A. Hall, Louis M. Myers,
J. C. Klaholt, C. K. Minary,
C. D. Roberts, L. E. Wheeler.

Welcome, Odd Fellows.

Springfield will this week be honored with the assembly of the most august representative body of fraternal and benevolent organizations in the world. The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is what its name implies—the supreme representative and legislative body of this leading secret fraternal society. It is composed of the most active and useful members of the Order in their respective localities, elected by the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of the states and provinces they represent. In addition to these Sovereign Grand Representatives, there will be in attendance, to participate in the various events of the week, thousands of the very choicest spirits of this great and powerful Order. Many of these thousands, as well as a majority, probably, of the Grand Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, will for the first time set foot in this historic city. That they will be favorably impressed with the beauty, the culture, the enterprise and the business activity of the capital of the Empire State of the West, there can be no doubt. They will carry home with them many pleasant memories of their brief stay with us. It is the privilege—more than that, it is the duty—of every citizen to assist in the entertainment of these strangers, and to make them, as guests of Springfield, feel that the reception given them and the hospitality they enjoy are the sincere and generous expressions of true hearts and open hands.

It is unnecessary for the State Register to extol Odd Fellowship or recount its noble acts of benevolence and charity. They are as familiar as household words to our people. The monuments to its noble principles and its good deeds are all around us, and speak for themselves. Its record in Illinois is blazoned all over with glistening jewels of Friendship, Love and Truth—that trinity which represents the foundation-stones upon which this magnificent structure of fraternalism rests. The mission of Odd Fellowship is to ennoble mankind by strengthening the ties of social life, and to bless the world by the performance of humane duties—to relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, to educate the orphan—to visit the sick, the widow and the fatherless in their affliction. These services comprise not only the very essence of true humanity, but also the most exalted inspirations of pure and undefiled religion.

The State Register, representing the citizens of Springfield, extends to the officers, representatives and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to the visiting Odd Fellows of all degrees, a most cordial, hearty welcome. The city is at the disposal of its guests. May their stay within our gates be pleasant and profitable.—*Register, Sunday, September 19.*

Odd Fellows Warmly Welcomed.

That the citizens of Springfield, wholly irrespective of their relations to the Order, fitly appreciate the unusual honor paid this city by the assembling here of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is abundantly attested by the profuseness and elaborate character of the decorations with which both public and private buildings and residences throughout the city are adorned. Additional proof of their appreciation of their distinguished visitors has been found by the latter in the generous hospitality cordially extended to them by the citizens of Springfield as a body and as individuals, and in the elaborate and carefully-planned arrangements for their entertainment and comfort. Still further proof of this appreciation was furnished in the welcome given them at the public reception at the State House yesterday, previous to the opening session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. In happily-chosen phrases the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the City, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, and the President of the Rebekah Assembly, all members of the Order, cordially and heartily welcomed the visitors to Illinois, to the capital city, and to the hearts and homes of the Odd Fellows of this Grand Jurisdiction. Nor was this merely a perfunctory welcome, for the speakers plainly voiced the sentiments of the large assemblage, and all were united in the one purpose to impress upon the visitors the fact that they had come among friends, who are anxious that their stay here shall be filled with pleasant recollections of the capital city.

As the representatives of the supreme legislative body of the largest fraternal society, whose beneficence and good deeds are well known, the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are welcome to the best that Springfield affords. They will find themselves the recipients of an open hearted hospitality that has not been surpassed in any of the larger cities in which they have previously assembled, and their hosts will be amply content if their guests appreciate the sincerity of their welcome.—*Journal, September 21.*

We Welcome You.

The Monitor, prompted by its high respect for the Order, would modestly, in behalf of its readers and its fellow citizens generally, extend its warmest welcome to the honored representatives of an Order heaven-born, which meets to-day in this city as the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. No certificate of character; no voucher for deportment; no indorsement of good behavior, will be required from the ladies and gentlemen who will to-day assemble in the beautiful new temple dedicated to the use of this world-wide esteemed fraternity. The gentlemen and ladies whose names appear as the representatives of the lodges and encampments of this highly honorable Order are here at the instance of their brethren, and the sole fact of their selection as such speaks volumes more than words express or credentials contain, as to the character of our visitors and guests.

No grander array of character—distinguished character—character formed in the vineyard of humanity while performing acts of kindness; made when holding out to brethren the possibilities of life and hopes even when parental hands are hidden in the grave and the last story of kindred kindness and affection had been rewarded, has ever before met in this city. We welcome you as among the new type of heroes; heroes who enrich human life and add to the well-being of mankind; the heroes who make states strong by making the people intelligent, virtuous and happy, exampled by the Carpenter's Son in the path of peace. These are the heroes who shape the destiny of commonwealths.

> "The seeds of good they sow are sacred seed
> And bear the righteous fruits of general weal
> When sleeps the husbandman."

The earnest advocates of education of heart and head, whose magic wand ean alone exorcise

> "Those twin gaolers of human heart,
> Low birth and iron fortune."

They are the friends of literature, science and the arts, and in all that elevates, making life pleasant, they are devoted. We know our people well; the people who gave you representative men from Illinois

born in all parts of the world. A Lincoln from Kentucky, a Douglas from Vermont, a Baker from England, a Shields from Ireland, a Hoffmann from Germany, a Blancy from Delaware, a Lyle Smith from Pennsylvania, and a Davis from Maryland—all self-made from their native heath, 'tis true, but developed amid the broad acres of Illinois. The same people who welcomed these men, who have not yet joined the great silent majority, or who may be waiting patiently until called to the only

"Land that is fairer than this,"

all join in welcoming you, one and all, to our beautiful city.—*Monitor, Monday Sept. 20, 1897.*

If there is one jewel brighter than all the rest that shine in the crown of Illinois Odd Fellowship, it is the home at Lincoln where the helpless orphans of its members are tenderly sheltered, reared and educated at the expense of the Order. Better than all high-sounding phrases and pretenses of virtue, better than all outward show of fraternal organization, is the simple act of befriending the helpless. It is in deeds, and not in words, that Odd Fellowship shows its right to recognition as a great moral force. The obligations taken by its members are something more than words. They are living facts. The widow and orphan are comforted and cared for, the sick are nursed, the dead are buried, and no Odd Fellow nor Odd Fellow's family need become a charge upon public charity. The State of Illinois, as the banner State of this grand Order, has reason to be proud of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.—*Monitor, Sept. 20, 1897.*

O Brethren of the triple link, our hands are stretched out to greet you, and we would like to have you think we're powerful glad to see you. It does us proud to know that you have made our town your Mecca, and especially since you've brought with you the Daughters of Rebekah.—*Monitor, Sept. 20, 1897.*

Let every mother's son of us assist in making the stay of the Sovereign Grand Lodge a poem of delight to be remembered by our guests and ourselves until we step into the ferryman's boat that takes us over the starless wave.—*Monitor, Sept. 20, 1897.*

Sentiments Expressed by the Fraternal Press and Friends in Relation to the Entertainment Extended to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and Visitors.

They came and they met, they were royally entertained, and now they have gone, but with them went a memory that in after years will be recalled as a fond recollection of Springfield, the place where the remains of the martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, are now lying in the cold ground, and where for one short week they were the guests of honor in the capital city of Illinois.

The details were complete for the reception of the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which held its seventy-third annual session in Springfield, commencing Monday, September 20, and lasting until the following Saturday evening. Probably more elaborate preparations for an event have never been made before by the people of Springfield, and when Monday morning came, the city was handsomely decorated and bedecked with colors of all kinds, and especially those emblematic of the Order of Odd Fellowship and the Rebekah Degree. The interest of the citizens of Springfield was not allowed to flag, and they did nobly by our Brothers and the Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and also the other members of the Order which has for its motto "Friendship, Love and Truth," who spent the week at the session.

There was not a single business house around the business portion of the city that was not handsomely decorated, and to add to the beauty of the scene, two large and magnificent arches were erected by the city on eacn of the four corners of the square. These were put up at a large expense and were decorated with flags and bunting by a decorator from Chicago. At night the arches were brilliantly illuminated with electric lights, the three links, the words, "Friendship, Love and Truth," and the word "Welcome" being displayed in electric lights of many colors in the center of the arches. The state officials, the county officials, and the city officials were most generous in the contributions of money and time to the success of the occasion, and when the week was ushered in, the city stood decked in gala attire.

It was a befitting occasion for the City of Springfield to display its generosity in return for the Sovereign Grand Lodge selecting it as its meeting-place—the smallest place in population that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has ever met in, but happily not the smallest in generosity, all of which will be fully appreciated by all Odd Fellows. The afternoons during the week were devoted to pleasure, sight-seeing, and entertainments, all of which were provided, regardless of cost, by the local Lodges, and were carried out at an expense of several thousand dollars.

It is true they have gone, but the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge cannot help but look back to their week's visit in Springfield as a pleasant one.—*Odd Fellows' Herald.*

Springfield, the home of the martyred Lincoln, and around which many historic memories cluster and brightly shine, has attained an enviable reputation for the extent and free-heartedness of their entertainment, and the members of the Sovereign Lodge were not disappointed in the least at their welcome or the attention paid them while in the city. * * * The beautiful work of the Rebekah Lodge was exemplified in the evening in Fero's Hall by the Past Noble Grand

Degree Staff, of Chicago. There was a large attendance of the members of the Rebekah Lodge. The staff is one of the best drilled in the Order, and the beautiful decorations of the hall made the occasion a gratifying one to those who attended. The work of the staff was very fine, and received universal praise. * * * The three Encampment Degrees were conferred upon Rev. Euclid B. Rogers, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, of Springfield, at Armory Hall, by the staff of Decatur Encampment No. 37, Decatur, Ill., in a highly commendatory manner, and received the plaudits of a large assemblage. * * * The initiatory degree of the Subordinate Lodge was exemplified at Armory Hall by the staff of Cook County Lodge, of Chicago, in a superior manner. Every movement reflected credit upon the members and showed that their Captain, E. E. Sibbet, had labored with untiring diligence. Many were the congratulations showered upon their heads at the conclusion. * * * Thus closed one of the most enjoyable social conjunctions to the annual communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that has ever been accorded the members of the body, and one and all are profuse in their praise of the brethren and sisters of Illinois, who left nothing undone that would enhance the pleasures of their guests.—*The Iowa Odd Fellow.*

It is proper to say that the Odd Fellows and citizens generally of Springfield were charmingly hospitable and courteous. Nearly every business house and many residences were elaborately and beautifully decorated with bunting, flags, and mottoes and emblems of the Order. Four magnificent arches spanned the streets at each corner of Court House Square, with large triple links suspended from the center, which were lighted with electricity at night, with splendid and brilliant effect, and wherever the eyes turned they were greeted with words of "welcome." Springfield is a neat, clean-looking little city of 30,000 inhabitants, and makes a most agreeable impression on the stranger.—*The Daily Sun, Nashville, Tenn.*

No city ever extended a more hospitable welcome to a representative body of men and women than was given by the City of Springfield to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.—*Odd Fellows' Siftings.*

First let me say that the Odd Fellows of Illinois, and especially of the City of Springfield, made elaborate preparations for the reception of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Nearly all of the business houses and dwellings were decorated in honor of our coming, and four large arches were erected at the four corners of the City Hall Square. Electric lights were placed on the inside of these arches at short intervals, and the effect produced at night, when they were all lighted, was a most beautiful one. The weather was simply perfect, and we all enjoyed our stay in the city made renowned as the home and last resting-place of Abraham Lincoln. By the courtesy of the officers of the State, our

sessions were held in the Capitol building, which is one of the most imposing structures of its kind in this country. It was said that the Sovereign Grand Lodge had never had quite so well-arranged a place for holding its sessions. In fact, the Representatives had every convenience which has been provided by a great and rich State for the members of its Legislature.—*Virginia Odd Fellow.*

The Springfield brethren were unsparing in their efforts to entertain their visitors, and deserve much credit for it. * * * The decorations throughout the city were pretty general, and the four arches at the corners of the court-house square were very beautiful. * * * The fraternal press fared very well by the Springfield committee on arrangements, and their thanks are extended to them. It was a decided contrast to the entertainment two years ago at Atlantic City. * * * Illinois Odd Fellows may well feel proud of their Orphans' Home. The Home is situated on 40 acres of ground just on the outskirts of Lincoln, and is one of the most commendable monuments to the principles of Odd Fellowship to be found anywhere.—*The Western Odd Fellow.*

Springfield, the beautiful capital city of the great State of Illinois, although claiming a population of less than forty thousand, is thoroughly metropolitan in all things, and through its enterprise, natural beauty, and historic associations, being the home and burial-place of the lamented Lincoln, is rapidly gaining prominence as a convention city. Its fine residences, hidden in a wilderness of shade-trees, its excellent hotels, business blocks, and public buildings, to say nothing of the magnificent state buildings and executive mansion, might well be the pride of a city many times the size of Springfield. In the selection of Springfield as a location for the Sovereign Grand Lodge session, Odd Fellows and citizens alike recognized that a signal honor had been conferred, and there was scarcely a business house or residence in the entire city that was not decorated in honor of their guests. Wherever the eye rested, bunting, flags and pennants waved a welcome which was made substantial by the cordial greeting extended on every hand. The business portion of the city was fairly hidden behind gay colors, while gigantic arches, made brilliant at night by electric lights, spanned the principal street-crossings. Indeed, the city spared no expense when donning her holiday attire. * * * What didn't the Odd Fellows of Illinois do for us? That's the question. Grand Master Rankin delivered one of the ablest addresses of the morning. The next speaker, Grand Patriarch J. D. Murphy, in a few well-chosen words, extended the well-known hospitality of the Patriarchs, and was followed by Sister May D. Stone, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois. We know that no other speaker will take offense when it is said that Sister Stone delivered the address of the occasion. Her words were as true as they were eloquent. Past Grand Master Stone should be proud of so estimable a wife, and the Rebekahs of Illinois should be proud of

so able a President. * * * Appropriate addresses were delivered at the Home by Grand Sire Carleton and others, after which the visitors were invited to inspect the buildings. Everything was neat and tidy, and betokened a happy home for the one hundred and fifty little ones who are indeed the children of the Order. This magnificent institution has been frequently mentioned in the columns of the Review, and we say nothing farther than that no brother or sister can visit this magnificent institution without being made a better member of the Order. * * * We doubt whether any jurisdiction could boast of a stronger quartette than Illinois—Conway, Carlin, Humphrey and Smollinger are all able men.—*The Odd Fellows' Review.*

Springfield did all in its power, and that is much, to make the recent session one long to be remembered by the Grand Representatives.—*Weekly Union.*

Springfield, Ill., is said to be the smallest city in which our much-censured Sovereign Body ever assembled. Its population according to the census of 1890 was 24,969; the writer was informed, however, that they now "claim" 50,000. It is quite a handsome and attractive city, and was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Decorative arches (which were illuminated by electric lights) spanned the principal streets, and the business houses and residences were very liberally and prettily bedecked with flags, banners and streamers. The colors were to be seen on all sides, and the word "welcome" met the eye of the visitor wherever he went. Great preparations had been made for the reception and entertainment of the Grand Body and visiting members, which resulted in making the occasion a very pleasant one. * * * The address of Mrs. Henry A. Stone, President of the Assembly of Illinois, in welcoming the Grand Lodge, seems to have carried every one who heard it as if by storm. All speak in her praise. The sister is a highly-talented lady, whose ability as a speech-maker has been developed since she became prominent in Rebekah circles.—*Odd Fellows' Talisman.*

Thus throughout the week each hour of the day brought some kindly act to prove the generous hospitality of the Illinois Odd Fellows and the citizens of Springfield.—*National Rebekah.*

The resolutions of thanks to all who in any way contributed to the entertainment of the Grand Body while in Springfield were somewhat lengthy, but they were eminently proper and justly due. * * * The Odd Fellows' Building is one of the most notable structures in Springfield. In it is located Grand Secretary Miller's office, and the Odd Fellows' quarters, which are ample and beautiful. The hall is one of the prettiest we have ever seen. * * * We are indebted personally to Grand Secretary Miller for many courtesies shown us

while in the city. He labored indefatigably in behalf of the visitors, thousands of whom will long remember his efforts in their behalf * * * The decorations were elaborate and extensive, the arches at the intersections of streets being particularly pretty, especially in the evening, when lit up by electricity.—*Popular Odd Fellow.*

Complimentary words of Grand Secretary Fahm, of Texas, on his return, concerning his visit to Springfield: "We were treated royally by the people of Springfield, and had a most delightful time. Springfield is a beautiful and prosperous little city of about 35,000 inhabitants, and it seems that every inhabitant knows how to entertain visitors. They left nothing undone that would add to the comfort and convenience of the delegates of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. This year's session of the Grand Lodge was a gratifying success in every particular. The attendance was large, the officers' reports very flattering, and every indication is to the effect that the Order is growing as it should.

Farewell.

The week ending to-day has been one of especial enjoyment to the people of the capital city of Illinois. They have entertained the most distinguished legislative representative body of one of the most powerful, and probably the most useful, of all the fraternal secret societies in the world. The visit of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is an honor any city in the country might well covet, and one that many of the larger cities, east and west, seek and strive for. Springfield was very fortunate in being selected last year for the honor, and our people feel proud of the success that has attended the event. The members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge express themselves unreservedly as greatly pleased with the generous hospitality of our people, and the manner in which they have been entertained, and they speak in terms of highest praise of the advantages Springfield possesses as a convention city. Certainly no body of men in the United States are more competent to give an opinion on this subject than the members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. They have met in the principal cities of the land—east, west, north, and south—and their words of praise mean much. It is extremely gratifying to our citizens to know that the Grand Lodge officers and members are satisfied that they made no mistake in coming to Springfield.

And now that these friendly visitors are about to take their departure for their respective homes, the State Register, which a week ago bid them a cordial welcome in behalf of Springfield and its citizens, extends to them a regretful though kindly farewell. They will leave with us a pleasing memory of many enjoyable hours spent in social and business intercourse. Friendships have been formed that

will last through life, and we may hope will grow stronger with the years. The week has passed all too quickly. We can only say in parting:

"Brethren, we thank you all
For this, your friendly call,
Our hearts to cheer.
May peace her influence shed,
And heaven her wings outspread,
To guard each Brother's head
From pain and fear.

"Farewell, and as you go,
Bear hence, and fully show,
Stamped on each breast,
The seal of friendship pure,
And Love through life to endure,
And Truth, which still secure
With Honor rests."

Farewell—God be with you until we meet again.—*Register, Sept. 25.*

Springfield is Herself Again.

Now that the eminent Odd Fellows who have been guests of the city for a week are about to take their departure, a word of reference to their visit is timely. It was an occasion arousing all of the old-time hospitality and enterprise of the capital city, which for some reason had been dormant, to Springfield's detriment, if not discredit.

It has been a number of years since a civic demonstration aroused the universal interest manifested in the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. Liberal contributions of money were cheerfully made to defray the expense of entertaining the Supreme Lodge officers and their consorts: the municipal government appropriated suitably to show its appreciation of a distinguished honor; and individual acknowledgment of it was made in public display and by personal contact with the members of the fraternity. Never before, perhaps, has the city been so handsomely and so profusely decorated. Streets and private residences bore flags and banners and colors of the Order in tasteful arrangement, and in number to the credit of the city government and to the people who thus sought to compliment the gentlemen and ladies from other states and countries. Carriage rides to points of interest, trolley parties by day and evenning, concerts by numerous bands, an opera house entertainment, and an excursion to the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home at Lincoln, were among the entertainments provided for these fraternal guests. Jointly, they indicated what Springfield may do when spurred to effort, which ought to be the normal status of this community.

We speed the parting guests with good wishes for their future welfare, and expression of the hope that Boston, with her great wealth and population, will prove as hospitable and cordial to the next Sovereign Grand Lodge as has Springfield this year.—*Illinois State Journal, September 24.*

Resolutions of Thanks Adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, September 25th, 1897.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

Your committee appointed to present to this Grand Body resolutions appropriately expressing the thanks of its officers and members for the many courtesies shown during this session, and the untiring fraternal greetings extended upon every hand, beg leave to feebly make known our appreciation of the same, as stated in the following resolutions, which are offered in all sincerity, void of all perfunctory expressions, and emanating in truth from Odd Fellows' hearts.

Resolved, That the City of Springfield, the historic city of the West, has opened wide its gates to us; that within her homes we have found warm welcome; upon her streets we have met with the kindest greeting, and have looked upon beautiful women and splendid men and happy children, and with pleasure we say that from all their happy countenances is reflected the sweet word, "Welcome."

It is, indeed, a beautiful city in all that the heart could wish, and we have been made to feel that her people hailed with gladness our coming and reluctlantly permit our departure from her hospitable doors.

Resolved, That we thank His Excellency, John R. Tanner, Governor of Illinois (and who, we are glad to say, is our Brother Tanner), for his address of welcome, tendering the greeting of this grand State. In this connection, we further say to him and the excellent lady who honored his life in becoming his wife, that we enjoyed the thoughtful hospitality extended by them in the reception had in our behalf at the Executive Mansion.

Resolved, That we thank His Honor, Loren E. Wheeler, Mayor of this beautiful and floral city, not only for his earnest speech of welcome, but say to him, and through him to the municipal authorities, that the courtesy in decorating the city and its public buildings in honor of our presence has met with universal expression of grateful recognition, and from our hearts we thank them. The beautiful arches and the decorations upon all business houses and practically every home in her boundaries, were so elaborate, chaste and attractive, as to cause general remark. We were covered with bunting and flowers, and brightened by the lustre of the many ornaments smiling upon us, no matter where we gazed.

Resolved, That to our Brothers, Grand Master Geo. C. Rankin and Grand Patriarch J. D. Murphy, their words of kind welcome, so earnestly made, caused us to feel at home upon the soil of Illinois, enabling us to say that the membership for which they uttered such kind words were active in their efforts to increase the pleasure of our stay among this people.

Resolved, That to the Sisterhood of Illinois especial mention must be made, and we want to say, and now say, that the estimable lady, Sister May D. Stone, President of the Rebekah Assembly, in language so graceful and fraternal as to thrill all our hearts, welcomed us in their name and stead. All whose pleasure it was to hear her admirable address, elegant in diction, terse in expression, and happy in delivery, will never forget it, and we beg to crown her with our admiration. We will carry with us the remembrance of the splendid Sisterhood of Illinois; and while we only mention the official head, it is our earnest desire that each and every Rebekah should feel that a memory of the kindness they were prominently instrumental in having us enjoy shall dwell with us. We thank them one and all. Our Rebekahs are the jewels in the crown of Odd Fellowship, and the Sisters of Illinois are the hand-maidens of our "religion" to see to it that its lustre shall never grow dim.

Resolved, That to the Executive Committee in charge of the entertainment and reception, and all of the committees aiding and assisting them, we are unable to say all we feel. Language is a poor medium to convey what the heart feels most. We dare not individualize, because all have done so well. What was promised us by the representatives in this body from this jurisdiction at Dallas, as an inducement to have us hold this session on this soil, the former home of the martyred Lincoln, under the shade of his tomb, has been in every way fulfilled. The highest duty we can do, is to assure them that they not only have our gratitude, but the memories of this session shall go with us, ever reminding us of their kindness.

Resolved, That Sunday, September 19, 1897, will remain as the day it was our pleasure to listen to the sermon at the Central Baptist Church, by its pastor, Rev. and Bro. E. B. Rogers. "The Good Samaritan" was his text, and was selected in recognition of our presence. His sermon at the morning service, and that upon "Friendship" at the evening service, were not only characteristic of a great divine and good man, but we feel are so illustrative of the mission of Odd Fellowship and its deeds as to entitle him to the thanks of the Order.

Resolved, That we enjoyed most heartily and are grateful for the hospitalities shown us by the "Sangamo Club" and "Elks Club." Their invitations to enjoy our stay here and to partake of their courtesies were largely accepted and appreciated.

That the "Business Men's Association" was untiring to make our sojourn in the "Flower City" pleasant.

Resolved, That we extend to the custodian of Lincoln's Home and the custodian of the Lincoln Monument our warm appreciation of the facilities they, and each of them, offered; and because of which we were enabled to visit and inspect the "Home" and "Monument" of Lincoln.

Resolved, That we are grateful for the privilege enjoyed by us to visit the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home; to Directors and Superintendent of the Home for their courtesies during our visit to it on Thursday last. We saw the orphans happy and their bright smiles shining amidst the throng of Odd Fellows gatherd there. All thanks to the brotherhood in Illinois for such a magnificent monument to fraternal duty.

Resolved, That for the privilege to hold the sessions of this Body in the majestic Capitol Building of Illinois, in its Representatives' Hall, and for the use of all rooms requisite to a convenient and successful session, we, in the name of all our great brotherhood, tender our gratitude to the State authorities for the courtesy that has eanbled us to hold our sessions with every convenience at hand, and free of all disturbance. We thank them.

Resolved. To the Press of this City we give our thanks, and say to it that the kindly mention of our coming here, and the generous tribute paid daily by it to our beloved Order, stir all of our emotions when returning our thanks.

Fraternally submitted.

STILWELL H. RUSSELL,
WM. W. MORRIS,
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Wm. Schuchert, P. G. P., Chester
R. K. Dewey, P. G. P., Greenville
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W. L. Goodell, Effingham
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D. J. Block, Springfield
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J. M. Striffler, Springfield
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H. W. Clendenin, Springfield
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J. L. Taylor, Springfield
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Alice Kagy, Salem
Sadie A. Clark, Kensington
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Estella Mattice, Aurora
Sarah Freeman, Olney
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Rosa Sands, Peoria
Hattie Dill, Roodhouse
Dora V. Evans, Marion
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Swan A. Miller, 260 S. Clark St., Chicago
George F. Cecil, 268 S. Clark St., Chicago
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W. R. Delano, 1193 N. Robey St., Chicago
Louis Kistler, 36 LaSalle St., Chicago
J. B. Muir, 94 LaSalle St., Chicago
C. R. Tuttle, 368 Fulton St., Chicago
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W. H. Fenton, Gardner
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Helen M. Baldwin, Mattoon
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Sadie Jones, Springfield
Fannie Coon, Springfield
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Mrs. L. L. Randolph, 444 E. 63d St., Chicago

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Jacob Frisch, Springfield
J. D. Roper, Springfield
R. Haas, Springfield
Joseph Perkins, Springfield
W. E. Savage, Springfield
George Ritter, Springfield
Charles Trost, Springfield
Martin Speulda, Springfield
Frank Schueler, Springfield
J. J. Williams, Springfield
Charles Baer, Springfield
J. E. Wood, Springfield
C. K. Patterson, Springfield
S. S. Elder, Springfield
Jacob Widmer, Springfield
Aug. Kessberger, Springfield
Charles Fehr, Springfield
Aug. Claus, Springfield
J. J. Nattermann, Springfield

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Gen. J. P. Ellacott, 710 Congress St., Chicago
Col. C. W. Nothnagel, Chicago
Lieut.-Col. J. Henry Harris, 402 E. 40th St., Chicago
Major W. W. Grifling, Joliet
Major H. A. Sylvester, Chicago
Col. W. H. True, Aurora
Lieut.-Col. John Freeman, Rock Island
Major W. H. Holt, Aurora
Major C. H. Church, Rock Island
Col. C. M. Lytle, Decatur
Lieut.-Col. Jos. Fairhall, Grape Creek
Major J. T. Dale, Danville
Major H. J. King, Gibson City
Major John Davidson, Peoria

FLOOR AND RITUALISTIC WORK.

First Division—Patriarchs Militant.

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H. C. Hanchett, Elgin
Henry Engelskirchen, Springfield
P. B. Keeler, Kewanee
Mark Jardine, Rockford
Sven Windrow, 223 LaSalle St., Chicago
Tom Wood, Princeton

Second Division—Encampment.

George F. Bell, Decatur
John G. Webster, Chicago
H. E. Kenney, Bushnell
Anthony Kramer, Alton
John Withey, Springfield

Third Division—Subordinate.

R. G. Stripp, 4435 Langley Ave., Chicago
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George Colonius, Alton
A. A. Wilmarth, Aurora
J. R. Kewley, 3115 Wabash Ave., Chicago
Matt Davidson, Duquoin
James Easley, Springfield
John Heimlich, Springfield

Fourth Division—Rebekah Degree.

Kate A. Troxell, Canton
Eva R. Withey, Springfield
Maria Spalding, Champaign
Lola L. Rickard, Olney
Carrie E. Bush, Monmouth
Della Rhea, Bloomington
Kittie Thomas, Quincy
Mrs. W. E. Carlin, Jerseyville
Lou Seeforth, Decatur
Margery Clarno, Farmer City
Mrs. J. E. Wheeler, Alton
Emma M. Hayden, Galesburg
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ENTERTAINMENT.

Alfred Orendorff, Springfield
Geo. W. Stubblefield, Bloomington
John R. Tanner, Springfield
W. A. Northcott, Greenville
D. E. Clark, Monmouth
A. J. Osborne, Jacksonville
I. N. Pearson, Macomb
W. R. Smith, Metropolis
Oscar F. Stebbins, Springfield
Arthur Prince, Springfield
George Thrush, Quincy
C. L. Conkling, Springfield
W. L. Patton, Springfield
E. B. Rogers, Springfield
O. B. Babcock, Springfield
W. J. Butler, Springfield
E. S. Robinson, Sgringfield
Sam'l Scholes, Springfield
Pascal Hatch, Springfield
W. H. H. Hounsley, Springfield
Wm. Mills, Springfield
J. H. Pieper, Springfield
J. W. Savage, Springfield
John Peters, Springfield
Richard Yates, Springfield

PARADES.

C. M. Lytle, Decatur
Henry Engelekirchen, Springfield
Chas. D. Brainard, Peoria
H. T. Pemberton, Rushville
L. S. Holden, Monmouth

TRANSPORTATION.

Edgar S. Scott, Springfield
Loren E. Wheeler, Springfield
Hufman Coleman, Springfield
J. W. Vance, Springfield
Wm. Todd, Springfield
P. E. Franklin, Springfield

Cash Statement.

Financial statement of receipts and disbursements by the Committee having in charge the entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

RECEIPTS.

Received from the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Illinois.....	$2,500 00
Received from the Grand Encampment of Illinois.....	1,000 00
Received from citizens of Springfield	1,745 13
	$5,245 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

	J. O. Humphrey, Chairman. Expenses of committee meeting: C. D. Brainard, $8.50; J. C. Smith, $6.50; J. D. Murphy, $13:56; W. E. Carlin, $4.00; J. P. Ellacott, $22.00; Geo. C. Rankin, $18.40; L. L. Morrison, $2.70; May D. Stone, $6.50; Nellie L. Harris, $21.60; Emma Pearson, $19.80; Lulu Case, $12.16; Kittie Thomas, $7.40; C. M. Lytle, $2.20.....	$145 32
1	J. E. Church, services as decorator	30 00
2	J. W. White, Capt., first prize Class B.....	150 00
3	W. M. Shoffner, first prize individual contest.....	15 00
4	J. K. Ritter, Capt., first prize best drilled canton.....	300 00
5	E. A. Staley, board for band	15 50
6	J. W. Jefferson, horses for parade.....	30 00
7	J. G. Patterson, orchestra.....	9 00

8	Lulu Case, expenses	$10 51
9	G. F. Foster, Son & Co., badges	801 70
10	May D. Stone, expenses	8 10
11	Emma Pearson, expenses	10 25
12	L. L. Morrison, expenses	51 60
13	Nellie L. Harris, expenses	19 50
14	Geo. W. Chatterton, opera house and play	650 00
15	Emma Graham, stenographer	100 00
16	Wendell Manufacturing Co., souvenir spoons	300 00
17	R. Haas Mfg. Co., electrical work	30 00
18	Ill. Watch Co. Band, music during session	564 00
19	J. P. Ellacott, expenses	41 80
20	G. H. Duncan, labor	17 75
21	Geo. F. Cecil, horse for Grand Officer	3 00
22	John Underfanger, draying	14 50
23	M. J. Fero, hall and music	38 75
24	Mathias Blumle, labor	17 50
25	C. D. Brainard and C. M. Lytle, expenses	19 00
26	C. H. Freitag, draying	75
27	B. M. Kirlin, livery	39 50
28	Frank Simmons, envelopes	1 35
29	E. F. Hartmann, printing	3 50
30	Emil Salzenstein, livery	63 00
31	O. H. Bean, livery	3 00
32	Little & Son, livery	160 50
33	Herman Rohman, labor	5 25
34	F. S. Thompson, flooring in State House	40 50
35	Jno. Eck, labor	8 25
36	Ward M. Carter Co., souvenir books, "Life of Lincoln"	418 00
37	Ward M. Carter Co., decorations	36 18
38	C. D. Roberts, decorations	96 05
39	Doug Sams, livery	3 00
40	Post Office, postage	60 75
41	G. W. Samuels & Son, livery	19 00
42	Jno. Foster, livery	6 00
43	J. D. Murphy, G.P., expenses	14 43
44	Illinois State Register, printing	240 75
45	John Bressmer & Co., decorations	25 83
46	Ward M. Carter Co., rubber bands	50
47	G. W. Samuels & Son, livery	6 10
48	Ward M. Carter Co., decorations	7 25
49	C. R. Coon, ice	80
50	M. F. O'Brien, Armory Hall	30 00
51	G. S. Connelly Co., supplies	5 38
52	E. R. James, refreshments	13 95
53	U. S. Express Co., express	2 25
54	Watson & Tobin, decorations	12 25

55	N. B. Wiggins, committee hotel bill	71 80
56	Springfield News Co., notice for rooms	1 60
57	R. L. Berry, piano at State House	4 00
58	Paullin & Patterson, decorations	25 00
59	Ward M. Carter Co., decorations	2 38
60	Louis Unverzogt, flowers	2 00
61	R. S. Donaldson, janitoring	1 25
62	J. B. Barnaby, music	5 00
63	Miss Cross, music	5 00
64	Jas. R. Miller, express	75
65	Springfield Consolidated R. R. Co., transportation	60 00
66	Chicago & Alton R. R. Co., transportation	350 00
		$5,245 13

Orphans' Home.

This is an institution which is near to the heart of every Odd Fellow and Rebekah, and I could say nothing laudatory of it which would not be approved by every member of the Order. Its fame has gone abroad, and wherever Odd Fellowship is known the Orphans' Home of Illinois is praised and beloved. No Home in the United States is managed so ably and so well as this, and the greatest credit must be given Sister Morrison and her efficient co-workers, Sisters Neall and Vance. We are especially fortunate in having such rare management, and the Home deserves to continue to receive the most cordial and liberal support from this Grand Lodge, and from every member of this jurisdiction.

Sister Morrison has a great responsibility resting upon her, but is so royally gifted that she is able to discharge every duty satisfactorily and ably in the highest degree. The capacity of the Home was totally inadequate, and a girls' cottage has been erected and dedicated, which is an additional honor to the Order. The Annual Report of the Directors of the Orphans' Home is herewith submitted, with my approval and hearty commendation for their wise management during the past year.

Deputy Grand Master.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home,

LINCOLN, ILLINOIS.

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The Directors of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, in obedience to the requirements of the Grand Lodge, present this their Fifth Annual Report, for the year ending October 1, 1897.

Work Accomplished.

As in the preceding years of the life of the Home, the same loyalty and support has been extended by the membership of the Order throughout this jurisdiction. Financial depression throughout the country, somewhat affecting the voluntary donations of Lodges and individuals during the early part of the year, seems to have entirely subsided, and, as has been seen by our late reports of donations in the fraternal papers, the great heart of Odd Fellowship still swells with generous sympathy and love for the children of our deceased brothers and sisters.

The following is a list of the children who have been received at the Home since it was opened—January 26, 1893:

Date.	Name.	Where From.	Age at Time Admission.	By What Lodge Certified.
1893.				
Jan. 26.	Gertrude Maring	York	11	York Star 419
" 26.	Christopher Maring	"	9	"
" 26.	Etta Maring	"	6	"
" 30.	Leila Haines	Kenney	11	Kenney 557
" 30.	Beulah Haines	"	6	"
" 30.	Walter Haines	"	4	"
Feb. 1.	James Smith	West End	11	Galatia 433
" 1.	Laura Smith	"	8	"
" 3.	Roy Hoswell	Washburn	10	Washburn 546
" 3.	Geo. Hoswell	"	8	"
" 7.	Willie Eckle	Peoria	9	Western 295
" 7.	Henry Eckle	"	10	"
" 7.	Minnie Eckle	"	6	"
" 15.	Lucille Meredith	Clayton	10	Jeptha 100
" 16.	Louise Forsythe	Chicago	6	Peabody 613
" 16.	Mary Jane Forsythe	"	5	"
" 16.	George Forsythe	"	9	"
" 16.	Douglas Forsythe	"	4	"
" 18.	Frank Downs	Moline	12	Manufacturers 485.
" 18.	Harry Downs	"	10	"
" 18.	Mabel Downs	"	6	"
" 18.	George Downs	"	4	"
" 24.	Lawrence Teeple	Chicago	11	Brighton Park 639
" 24.	Oren Teeple	"	7	"
Mar. 2.	Walter Wardell	Birds	12	Prairie 20
" 15.	Wm. Riley	Lincoln	12	Lincoln 204
" 15.	Cecil Riley	"	8	"
" 15.	Marie Riley	"	6	"
" 15.	Edith Riley	"	2½	"
" 20.	Margaret Gilliland	Shelbyville	11	Okaw 117
" 20.	Dora Gilliland	"	8	"
" 25.	Charles Schroeder	Chicago	8	Douglas 432
" 25.	Frank Schroeder	"	8	"
" 25.	Lillie Schroeder	"	5	"
April 10.	Leonard Neal	Mt. Vernon	6	
" 10.	Manney Shustorman	Chicago	10	Kossuth 569
" 10.	Otto Shustorman	"	8	"
" 10.	Frank Shustorman	"	6	"
" 21.	Howard E. Treadway	Grayville	7	Opal 99
" 21.	John Treadway	"	5	"
" 25.	Elsie Hoover	Danville	9	Palermo 646
" 25.	Jessie Hoover	"	7	"
" 27.	Aubrey Anderson	Chicago	12	First Swedish. 479
" 27.	Alvira Anderson	"	10	"
" 27.	Mabel Anderson	"	6	"
" 27.	Teresa Anderson	"	7	"

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April 29.	Evart Hoover	Danville	11	Palermo 646
June 26.	Mollie Johnson	Chicago	11	First Swedish 479.
" 26.	Julius Johnson	"	7	"
" 28.	Maggie Baker	Elco	6	Elco 643
" 28.	Sally Baker	"	4	"
Aug. 14.	Oscar Sheets	Carbondale	8	Carbondale 233
" 14.	Leslie Sheets	"	6	"
" 27.	George Lindorman	Alton	5	Germania 2
" 27.	Frank Lindorman	"	2½	"
Sept. 10.	Arthur Fellstrom	Chicago	12	Nonpareil 331
" 10.	Jennie Fellstrom	"	10	"
" 10.	Essie Fellstrom	"	3½	"
" 10.	Esther Fellstrom	"	3½	"
" 18.	Ruby Watkins	Harvey	9	Humboldt Park 658
" 18.	Arthur Watkins	"	7	"
Oct. 12.	Wm. J. DeWald	Greenville	11	Greenville 3
Dec. 2.	Belle Otis	Chicago	11	Hyde Park 722
" 2.	Frances Otis	"	9	"
" 2.	Cleve Otis	"	7	"
" 2.	Fay Otis	"	4	"
1894.				
Feb. 12.	Maude Jensen	"	11	S. Englewood 448
" 12.	May Jensen	"	9	"
" 12.	Grace Jensen	"	7	"
" 13.	Abbie Horn	Windsor	12	Fidelity 576
" 13.	Bessie Horn	"	10	"
" 12.	Frank Beard	Bloomington.	11	Bloomington 400
" 25.	Bertha Beck	Chicago	12	Douglas 432
Mar. 2.	Thos. Cummings	Falmouth	9	Falmouth 651
" 2.	Katie Cummings	"	7	"
May 7.	Anna Culley	Mc Leansboro	11	Hamilton 191
" 7.	Edwin Culley	"	7	"
" 20.	Flossie Sheets	Champaign	5	Carbondale 233
" 25.	Leroy Shoaff	Friendsville	11	South Star 732
" 25.	Mary Shoaff	"	8	"
June 20.	Gertrude Bentley	Chrisman	10	Prairie City 205
1895.				
Jan. 22.	Della Blake	Creal Springs	12	Creal Springs 504
" 22.	Cora Blake	"	10	"
Feb. 12.	Thos. Clarida	Williams'nCo	12	Corinth 502
Mar. 15.	Edna Howard	Anchor	10	Herald 777
April 15.	Myrtle Bradley	Creal Springs	12	Carterville 703
" 15.	Ethel Bradley	"	7	"
Aug. 12.	John Jackson	Mt. Vernon	10	Marion 13
" 12.	Ida Jackson	"	6	"
" 12.	James Jackson	"	4	"
" 15.	Asa Woody	Pana	10	Adair 334
" 15.	Lester Woody	"	8	"
Sept. 3.	Harry Colvin	Champaign	5	Champaign 333
" 3.	Grace Colvin	"	2	"
" 10.	Ada Brussell	Seymour	9	Seymour 597
" 10.	Ralph Brussell	"	8	"
" 24.	Frank Hayes	Chicago	7	Progress 524

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Oct. 3.	Annie Lundak	Collinsville	9	Madison 43
" 3.	Gertie Lundak	"	8	"
" 3.	Joseph Lundak	"	6	"
" 3.	Antony Lundak	"	4	"
" 20.	Ochle Selvage	Carthage	7	Bentley 412
" 23.	Frank Nounzie	Chicago	11	Rochambeau 532
Nov. 9.	Ivan Quick	Montgomery	7	Argus 514
" 9.	Russell Quick	"	4	"
" 9.	Zed Howse	Decatur	12	Shelby 274
" 9.	Maud Howse	"	9	"
Dec. 3.	Mamie Nelson	Alton	8	Oil City 724
" 3.	John Nelson	"	6	"
" 5.	Essie Roberts	York	11	York Star 419
" 5.	Iva Roberts	"	8	"
" 5.	Alonzo Roberts	"	6	"
" 14.	Ida Voigt	Elgin	12	Paul 691
" 14.	August Voigt	"	8	"
" 18.	Lillie White	Homer	7	Homer 252
" 18.	Tarleton White	"	4	"
" 18.	Willie White	"	2	"
" 20.	Elmer Sandberg	Princeville	9	Diligence 129
1896.				
Jan. 16.	John W. Casey	Hamilton	11	Montebello 697
" 17.	Emil Shoaff	Friendsville	7	South Star 732
" 17.	John M. P. Dewald	Lincoln	4	Clark 3
Feb. 27.	Addie Murphy	Pana	12	Adar 334
April 26.	Clora Brade	Belknap	11	Belknap 251
" 26.	Orpha Braden	"	8	"
" 26.	Wm. C. Braden	"	6	"
July 24.	Bruno Engelkie	Chicago	7	Lily of the West 407
" 24.	Fred W. Engelkie	"	5	" "
Aug. 25.	Jas. F. Anthony Roose	E. St. Louis.	6	Golden Rule 374
" 25.	Walter Jefferson Roose	"	5	"
" 29.	Elmer Ellis Campbell	Temple Hill.	12	Fairland 791
" 29.	Alma Alice Campbell	"	12	"
" 29.	Bessie G. Campbell	"	7	"
Sept. 4.	Fred Howard	Anchor	14	Herald 777
" 21.	Susan Markhart	Chicago	12	Cheltenham 113
Oct. 22.	John Gilbert	Clyde	8	"
" 22.	Fred Gilbert	"	6	Royal 800
Nov. 14.	Homer Larrison	Batchtown	8	Calhoun 444
" 14.	Lindley La ison	"	6	"
" 14.	Ray Larrison	"	5	"
" 16.	Peter Gosnell	De Soto	12	De Soto 264
" 16.	Henry Gosnell	"	9	"
" 16.	Thomas Gosnell	"	7	"
" 16.	Harry Gosnell	"	5	"
Dec. 16.	Lizzie Barlow	Sciota	11	Sciota 552
" 16.	Natie Barlow	"	8	"
" 16.	James Barlow	"	6	"
" 24.	Clinton Campbell	Temple Hill.	4	Fairland 791
1897.				
Jan. 10.	Bessie Good	Pulaski	11	Egypt 789

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Jan. 10.	Mary Good	Pulask	7	Egypt 789
" 26.	Floyd Bennett	Sandwich	8	Sandwich 212
" 26.	Sadie Bennett	"	7	"
" 26.	Hester Bennett	"	5	"
" 26.	Vernon Bennett	"	4	"
Feb. 27.	Minnie Koch	Chicago	10	Wicker Park 281
" 27.	George Koch	"	8	"
Mar. 13.	Harry Tate	Vandalia	10	Friends 122
" 13.	Lizzie Tate	"	7	"
" 29.	Lewis D. Gorham	Belvidere	7	Big Thunder 28
April 22.	Ida Williams	Galesburg	12	Galesburg 142
May 14.	James Anderson	Tioga	9	North Star 620
" 14.	Fern Anderson	"	8	"
" 14.	Ida Anderson	"	6	"
" 14.	Nora Anderson	"	5	"
" 14.	Carter Anderson	"	3	"
June 9.	Evelyn Dehart	Rinard	4	Rinard 594
" 16.	Willie Pitcher	Sandwich	3	Deering 717
" 16.	Laura Dehart	Rinard	17mos	Rinard 594
July 29.	King David Dehart	"	7	"
" 29.	Kim Wesley Dehart	"	2	"
Aug. 17.	Bessie Kanak	Chicago	10	Palacky 630
" 17.	George Kanak	"	8	"
" 17.	Rose Kanak	"	6	"
" 20.	Eliz. Burrows	Sreator	11	Edina 391
" 20.	Willie Burrows	"	10	"
" 20.	John Burrows	"	5	"
Sept. 9.	Dick Anderson	Tioga	11	North Star 620
" 9.	Willie Anderson	"	23mos	"
" 14.	Clara Walters	Fulton	11	Abou Ben Ad'm 148
" 21.	Elmer Simpson	Simpson	13	Delta 772
" 21.	Elnora Simpson	"	11	"
" 21.	Guy Simpson	"	7	"

Whole number admitted 181.

The following is a list of the children who have been returned to their guardians, or the Lodge by whom their application was recommended, since the opening of the Home January 26, 1893:

Otto Shustorman
Manney Shustorman
Frank Shustorman
Evart Hoover
Elsie Hoover
Jessie Hoover
Walter Haines
James Smith
Lawrence Teeple
Grace Jensen
Bessie Horn
Thomas Cummings
Kate Cummings
Leroy Shoaff
Mary Shoaff
Gertrude Bentley
Harry Colvin
Grace Colvin

Walter Wardell
Frank Downs
William Riley
Roy Hoswell
George Hoswell
Arthur Fellstrom
Belle Otis
Frances Otis
Cleve Otis
Fay Otis
Maude Jensen
May Jensen
Lillie White
Willie White
John Casey
Emil Shoaff
John Dewald
Fred Howard
Zed Howse
Tarlton White
Aubrey Anderson
Ochle Selvage
Sadie Bennett (deceased)

Whole number returned, 41.

SUMMARY.

Children admitted since Home was opened	181
Returned to guardian or Lodge	40
Deceased	1
At the Home at present	140

How to Gain Admittance.

Lodges or guardians wishing to place in the Home children who are eligible to its benefits, should apply to the Superintendent at Lincoln for a blank form of application, this to be filled and signed by the guardian and Lodge (under seal) of which the father was a member in good standing at the time of his death. The application should then be returned to the Superintendent, who will present it to the Board of Directors for consideration at their first meeting thereafter. Parties presenting applications will be notified as soon as practicable of the result.

All applications coming before the Board are carefully considered as their individual merit demands.

Each child received is expected to come with at least one change of clothing.

Articles Donated.

Donations received from October 1, 1896, to October 1, 1897:

P. H. Sherburne, Wenona—Magazines, current literature, etc.

Forest Home Rebekah Lodge No. 416, Forrest—9 quarts fruit, 2 quarts corn, 1 jar and 5 glasses jelly, and from Pearl Iver, a doll and paper dolls.

Sister Caroline Younggreen, Paxton—6 boys' waists and 2 suits underwear.

Sewing Society Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 256, Moline—3 comforts, 2 quilts, 8 dresses, 2 skirts, 2 pairs drawers and 1 gown.

Purity Rebekah Lodge No. 81, Pana—37 quarts fruit, 2 quarts corn, 56 yards muslin, 10 yards calico and a bolt of feather stitch braid.

Aledo Rebekah Lodge No. 290, Aledo—2 barrels canned fruit.

Aid Society Memento Branch Rebekah Lodge No. 155, Farmington—10 sheets and 6 pillow slips.

Bro. N. E. Barr, Nonpareil Lodge No. 331, Chicago—10 books for library.

Sister Eunice Corwin, Orphans' Home Rebekah Lodge No. 9, Lincoln—A book for library.

Clio Rebekah Lodge No. 143, Havana—3 quilts, 7 pillow slips and 6 sheets.

Angelica Rebekah Lodge No. 51, Warsaw—22 quarts fruit and 4 glasses jelly.

Crescent Rebekah Lodge No. 415, Bradford—2 comforts, 2 aprons, 1 pair hose, 1 undervest, 1 pair pants, 1 blouse, 1 handkerchief, 1 dress, 1 skirt, 10 quarts fruit and 7 glasses jelly.

Bro. W. T. Selvage, Bentley Lodge No. 412, Carthage—3 barrels apples and a pail of fine mango peppers.

Union Rebekah Lodge No. 235, Cobden—24 quarts fruit, 4 sheets and 6 pairs pillowslips.

Carbondale Rebekah Lodge No. 220, Carbondale—18 quarts fruit, 2 quarts pickles, 3 quarts fruit butter, ½ peck sweet potatoes and 4 quarts jelly.

Sister Fannie Blakesley, Canton—A book for library.

Prairie Queen Rebekah Lodge No. 370, Dwight—12 hats, 12 hoods, 8 towels, 1 shirt, 10 pairs hose, 1 pair mittens, 6 pillow slips, 2 sheets, 1 dress, 1 undersuit, 1 pair pants, 1 pair shoes, 3 coats, 3 cloaks, 10 yards woolen dress goods, 36 quarts fruit, 17 glasses jelly and 1 bushel apples.

Social Rebekah Lodge No. 257, Taylorville—51 quarts fruit, 2 quilts, 4 yards calico, and from Bro. C. New, 2 bushels of apples.

Priscilla Rebekah Lodge No. 315, Mt. Carroll—43 yards muslin, 5 cloaks, 7 skirts, 7 dresses, 3 basques, 8 boys' waists, 4 hats, 1 hood, 2 fascinators, 2 pairs shoes, 2 pairs overshoes, 6 undershirts, 7 pairs drawers, 1 corset cover, 1 apron, 1 drawer waist, 3 yards challis, 5 yards calico, 2 yards flannel, 6 pairs hose, 1 box picture cards, 2 picture books, 2 bars soap, 1 peck dried apples, 5 pounds hominy, 6 quarts fruit butter, 2 quarts fruit and 5 glasses jelly.

Rhoda Rebekah Lodge No. 167, Sullivan—6 bed spreads, 6 sheets, 5 yards calico, 2 cloaks, 1 dress, 1 pair shoes.

Beulah Rebekah Lodge No. 265, Morris—4 comforts.

Tahoma Rebekah Lodge No. 282, Bone Gap—7 sheets, 15 pillow slips.

Genoa Rebekah Lodge No. 330, Genoa—1 comfort and 1 pair drawers.

Adelaide Rebekah Lodge No. 214, Rushville—2 comforts and 2 hoods.

Angelica Rebekah Lodge No. 51, Warsaw—1 quilt, 1 sheet, 6 pillow slips, and from two little girls, a doll's quilt.

Vandalia Lodge No. 562, Vandalia—10 barrels apples.

Memento Rebekah Lodge No. 125, Vandalia—1 cloak, 1 cap, 2 undershirts, 1 flannel skirt, 7 wool dress patterns, 20 quarts fruit, 2 quarts peach butter, 2 cans vegetables, 4 glasses jelly, 2 packages dried pears, 1 sack of walnuts from little Master Hudson.

Albion G. Jeffrey (7 years), Waukegan—A barrel of apples for children and a jug of sweet cider and a sack of apples for Mrs. Morrison.

Cheltenham Rebekah Lodge No. 367, Cheltenham—4 nice bed comforts.

Sister Sarah C. Matter, Aurora—2 pairs hand-knit mittens.

Jacob Meisner, South Park Lodge No. 488, Chicago—1 pair shoes.

Vernon Rebekah Lodge No. 426, Vernon—1 barrel of apples.

Maple Grove Rebekah Lodge No. 283, Carthage—28 quarts fruit, 1 quart chilli sauce, 1 quart pickles, 8 quarts fruit butter, 2 quarts jelly, 10 pairs drawers, 1 apron, 6 dresses, 1 gown, 1 undershirt, 2 boys' waists, 3 drawer waists, 3 skirts, 3 hats, 2 pairs shoes, 2 pairs hose, 6 pairs mittens, small comfort, and from two little boys, 8 handkerchiefs.

Almetta Rebekah Lodge No. 156, Litchfield—3 dresses, 1 quilt, 15 yards muslin, 2 pairs shoes, 1 suit boy's clothes, 5 skirts, 2 vests, 2 towels, 2½ yards toweling, 1 apron, 1 tie, 3 pairs drawers, 4 yards gingham, 1 cap, 17 pairs hose, 1 jacket, 1 quart jelly.

Cedar Rebekah Lodge No. 299, Mason—2 comforts, 4 sheets, 12 pairs drawers.

Mendota Rebekah Lodge No. 419, Mendota—1 crazy quilt and 12 tennis flannel gowns.

Vernon Rebekah Lodge No. 426, Vernon—31 quarts fruit, 3 glasses jelly.

Waukegan Rebekah Lodge No. 340, Waukegan—3 undervests, 3 skirts, 4 pairs drawers, 2 blouse waists, 1 pair pants, 2 dresses, 2 corset waists, 4 aprons, 3 pairs mittens, 6 pairs hose and 1 comfort.

Bro. A. Denger, Lincoln Lodge No. 204, Lincoln—65 pounds mixed candy and 50 pounds mixed nuts.

Hindsboro Rebekah Lodge No. 87, Hindsboro—34 quarts fruit, 3 quarts fruit butter, 2 glasses jelly, 2 barrels apples.

Olive Leaf Rebekah Lodge No. 97, Warrensburg—35 quarts and 1 jar fruit, 2 cans vegetables, 1 jar and 3 glasses jelly, package of sugar.

Vesper Rebekah Lodge No. 172, Evanston—27½ yards woolen dress goods, 40 yards cambric and a card of dress buttons.

Peoria Rebekah Lodge No. 113, Peoria—20 sheets and 2 quilts.

Mt. Sterling Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, Mt. Sterling—25 cans fruit, 5 sheets, 1 overcoat, 20 yards white apron goods, 4 calico and 1 wool dresses, 4 undervests, 12 towels, 2 boxes soap, brush and comb, 1 pair slippers, 3 gingham aprons, 15 pairs hose, 4 waists, 6 gowns, 4 night shirts, 13 suits underwear.

Sister J. D. Graser, Idell Rebekah Lodge No. 359, Versailles—3 pairs hose.

Enterprise Rebekah Lodge No. 99, West Belleville—27 quarts fruit, 3 quarts jelly, 6 quarts jam.

Memento Branch Rebekah Lodge No. 155, Farmington—4 comforts.

Anna Rebekah Lodge No. 262, Anna—37 quarts fruit, 3 glasses jelly.

Alta Rebekah Lodge No. 393, Chicago—1 comfort, 1 pair shoes, 2 pairs wristlets, 1 pair mittens, 2 skirts, 2 jackets, 25 pairs hose, 4½ yards calico, 18 yards gingham for aprons and 91½ yards dress gingham.

Vesper Rebekah Lodge No. 172, Evanston—23 quarts fruit, 2 glasses jelly.

Lotus Rebekah Lodge No. 394, St. Anne—2 quilts.

Effingham Rebekah Lodge No. 219, Effingham—4 comforts, 8 pairs drawers, 3 aprons, 6 sheets, 6 boys' waists.

Sewing Circle First Swedish Rebekah Lodge No. 124, Chicago—12 woolen dresses; from Sister Peterson, same, 12 mufflers.

Naomi Sewing Society, Avon Rebekah Lodge No. 100, Avon—2 quilts, 7 wool dresses, 1 gingham dress, 14 aprons, 5 pairs pants, 4 pairs night drawers, 3 gowns, 4 pairs drawers, 1 jacket, 2 shirts, *Youth's Companion* for seven years, *Golden Rule* and *Young People's Weekly;* from Bro. J. S. Rea, 9 scrap books; from Wilbur Harrod, 1 nice overcoat, also a Christmas token for Mrs. Morrison.

Ivy Rebekah Lodge No. 358, Metcalf—4 aprons, 1 dress, 2 boys' waists, 35½ yards calico, 1 dozen handkerchiefs, 5 tablets, 6 spools thread, 1 dozen lead pencils, 2½ pounds butter, 4 gallons, 3 quarts and 3 glasses jelly, 5 gallons and 1 quart fruit, 9 pairs hose, package papers and cards.

Sweet Brier Rebekah Lodge No. 449, Yorkville—4 sheets, 6 pillow slips, 2 comforts. Subordinate Lodge No. 839 paid $5.00 for material.

Bro. George Hayward, Aurora—A beautiful Christmas tree.

Loyal Rebekah Lodge No. 386, Galesburg—34 quarts fruit, 6 glasses jelly, 20 yards crash toweling, tape; from Sister Sarah Green, 2 dresses, 1 dress skirt, 1 pair half shoes.

Electra Rebekah Lodge No. 134, Paxton—3 comforts, 2 jackets, 1 cloak, 2 patent roasters and bakers, 4 pairs pants, 2 boys' suits, 7 pairs hose, 6 blouse waists, 3 undervests, 2 pairs knit drawers, 2 union suits, 2 coats, 2 pairs shoes, 2 aprons, 2 pairs cotton drawers, 1 sun hat, 2 guimps, 8 dresses, 11 sheets, 14 pillow slips, 1 handkerchief, 2 ties, 1

drawer waist, 1 doll, 1 drawing slate, 7 books, 1 ball, 1 top, 2 scrap books, 1 game, hair ribbon, cards and calendar.

Sister Luella Crossette, Rochelle—A large jar preserves; from her father, T. R. Ricker, Courtland Lodge No. 209, 38 pounds honey.

Beulah Rebekah Lodge No. 265, Morris—21½ quarts fruit, 1 quart pickles, 8 glasses jelly.

Sinai Rebekah Lodge No. 36, Paris—31 quarts fruit, 1 quart fruit butter, 2 cans vegetables, 11 glasses and 1 dish jelly, 1 bottle pepper sauce, 2 comforts.

John A. Gano Rebekah Lodge No. 376, Grandview—3 pillow slips, 1 pair drawers, 1 card buttons, 9 dresses, 1 package picture cards, 14 quarts fruit, 6 quarts fruit butter, 1 glass jelly, 1 bushel dried apples, 3 packages candy.

Mayflower Rebekah Lodge No. 83 and Moreland Subordinate Lodge No. 330, Moreland—4 gowns, 2 pairs night drawers, 10 yards dress lining, 8 skirts, 20½ yards woolen dress goods, 4 dozen buttons, 14 pairs hose, 27 pairs mittens, 6 woolen dresses, 1 shirt, 7 collars.

Alto Pass Rebekah Lodge No. 307, Alto Pass—1 barrel sweet potatoes, 1 barrel apples, 2 packages sugar, 21 quarts fruit.

Mite Society, Rockford Rebekah Lodge No. 31, Rockford—2 comforts, 8 sheets, 7 pairs pillow slips, and from Mrs. Dulaney, 1 boys' dress.

J. Landauer, Lincoln—1 bucket candy.

Bros. William and Lon Schubbert, Chester—9 pairs overshoes, 9 pairs leggins, 6 pairs hose, 10 woolen vests, 2 shirts, 12 handkerchiefs.

Sewing Society, Hope Rebekah Lodge No. 15, DuQuoin—5 yards muslin, 1 undervest, 6 pairs hose, 5 yards calico, 1 comb, 1 pair mittens, 4 yards ribbon, 2 yards lace, 2 spools thread, 5 pairs pillow slips, 1 comfort, 5 pairs drawers, 2 dozen handkerchiefs, 4 pairs mittens, 2 suits underwear, 1 union suit, 1 fascinator, 4 yards calico.

C. S. Knight, Chicago—1 bucket assorted candy.

———. Quincy—11 pairs hose, 7 pairs mittens, 5 hoods, 2 sheets, 3 boys' waists, 2 pairs drawers, 2 waists, 1 gown, 1 shirt, 5 yards muslin, 3 picture books.

Daughters of Liberty Rebekah Lodge No. 400, Caseyville—11 quarts fruit, 3 quarts fruit butter, 1 glass jelly; from daughters of members, 1 quilt.

Minnehaha Rebekah Lodge No. 77, Aurora—11 sheets, 18 pairs pillow cases, 13 books, 1 toy croquet set, 31 dolls, with goods to dress them, 4 yards ribbon, 2 neckties, 1 package animal crackers, 10 books of Psalms, 135 bags candy, 1 pound cookies, spool ribbons for dolls, *Youth's Companions.*

Sister Carrie Deiner, of Florence Rebekah Lodge No. 1, Ottawa—1 quilt, 7 pairs drawers, 1 apron, 4 handkerchiefs.

Emeline Rebekah Lodge No. 8, Morrison—3 comforts, 27 handkerchiefs, 8 sheets, 8 pillow slips, 12 skirts, 5 aprons, 5 boys' waists, 1 pair pants, 2 pairs socks, 6 pairs hose, 1 dress, 1 dozen towels, 12 yards crash, 8 dolls.

Venus Rebekah Lodge No. 225, Clay City—2 quilts.

Vesta Rebekah Lodge No. 29, Galesburg—13 books, 4 dresses, 1 jacket, 1 pair pants, 3 hats, 2 blouse waists, 3 undervests, 1 hood, 1 pair shoes, 1 boa, 7 yards gingham, 1 doll, 4 pairs side combs, 1 rag doll, doll's dress, 12 doilies, 13 skeins silk, 32 handkerchiefs, 12 yards hair ribbon, 6 lead pencils, 13 pictures, 2 paper dolls, 1 lace collar, 1 piece lace, 1 match lighter, 3 skeins linen, 1 tatting shuttle, 8 balls zephyr, 5 spools crochet cotton, 3 spools knitting silk, 7 spools floss, 2 balls tinsel, 1 pair rubber bracelets, 3 thimble cases, 1 thimble, 1 bead necklace, 6 stocking darners, 3 games, 5 crochet needles.

Fannie Rebekah Lodge No. 453, Armstrong—12 glasses jelly, 11 quarts fruit, 2 pounds honey, 13½ yards gingham, 1 pound butter, 1 doll, 1 rattle, dominoes, 1 gallon peach butter, marbles, 2 story books, 1 glass honey, 5 yards calico, 1 can sweet potatoes, 3 pairs hose.

Bethel Rebekah Lodge No. 253, Monticello—32 quarts fruit, 5 glasses jelly, 1 sack dried peaches, 2 packages candy.

Members Sophia Rebekah Lodge No. 96, Chicago—43 pairs hose, 6 handkerchiefs, 4 pillow slips, 1 knitted skirt, 1 boys' waist, 1 hood, 1 cloak, 2 dresses, 5 yards gingham, 7 yards tennis flannel.

Lilla Rebekah Lodge No. 63, Springfield—12 towels, 1 comfort, 8 quilts, 1 dress.

Lottie Rebekah Lodge No. 292, Potomac—30 quarts fruit, 2 glasses jelly, 1 package popcorn, 1 package nuts.

Adams Rebekah Lodge No. 375, White Hall—17 yards outing cloth, 1 cloak, 5 yards flannel, 6 pairs drawers, 5 undershirts, 2 yards canton flannel, 1 dozen spools thread, 1 comfort, 52 yards calico, 1 pair shoes, 1 doll with outfit, 4 packages candy, 7 pillow cases, 1 pair mittens, 6 towels.

Sister Patzell, Chicago—14 pairs skates and Christmas gift for Mrs. Morrison.

Fidelia Rebekah Lodge No. 278, Saybrook—11 boys' waists, papers and cards, 5 kitchen aprons, 4 school aprons, 3 night shirts, 12 pillow cases, 2 hair ribbons; from a friend, 3 boys' waists, 1 doll, 1 head rest, buttons and thread.

Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge No. 193, Maroa—2 comforts, 1 blanket, 4 pillow cases, 1 flannel skirt, 1 jacket, 1 doll's comfort, 15 quarts fruit, 2 quarts preserves, 2 quarts pickles, 5 glasses jelly.

Ed. W. and Annie M. Cook, Carlyle—3 games, 1 doll, 5 yards outing flannel.

Crystal Glen Rebekah Lodge No. 254, Nauvoo—34 pillow cases, 20 sheets.

Fairview Rebekah Lodge No. 243, Fairview—11 dresses, 5 boys' waists, 7 skirts.

Orangeville Rebekah Lodge No. 452, Orangeville—20 quarts fruit, 2 cans vegetables, 2 glasses jelly, 1 package dried apples.

Bros. Wright, Olive, Runkles, Grubb, Maddox, and Sister Maddox, Riverton—4 dresses, 2 aprons, 6 pairs drawers, 6 pairs hose, 9 wool waists, 9 laundried waists, 2 glasses jelly, 1 jar jam.

Busy Bee Rebekah Lodge No. 138, Freeport—2 quilts, 1 dress, 4 aprons, 3 boys' waists, 1 kitchen apron.

Sister Jennie Thye, Chicago—1 doll.

Relief Rebekah Lodge No. 102, Colchester—7 aprons, 3 hoods, 3 pairs mittens, 2 waists, 1 pair pillow slips, 4 yards calico, 1 boy's cap, 16 handkerchiefs, 1 shirt, 1 gown, 1 pair hose, 1 suit underwear, 1 belt. Accompanying this, from Mary R. Terrill, 1 box chalk and pictures, 1 bar soap, 1 yard thread lace, 2 yards wool lace, 6 salts, 2 pairs mittens, 2 pairs hose supporters, 1 tidy, 1 soap baby, 1 small lamp, 1 testament, 1 can corn.

Thawville Lodge No. 816, Thawville—5 handkerchiefs, 2 corset waists, 1 pair shoes, 5 pairs hose, 77 yards comfort calico, 2 chickens.

Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 362, Chicago—1 bushel nuts, 20 pounds candy, 4 dresses, 1 boy's hat, 9 yards calico, 6 yards gingham, 1 pair slippers, 1 pair shoes, 2 coats, 1 set furs, 12 yards canton flannel, 42 pillow slips, 7 sheets, 7¼ yards lace, 1 pair pants, 3 yards bleached muslin, 16 yards unbleached muslin, 6 yards dress goods, 17 pairs hose, 1 jersey waist, 1 skirt, 2 pairs drawers, 2 shirts, 2 collars, 1 pair mittens, 1 spool thread.

From Sisters Louie and Edna Davidson, DuQuoin, 1 nice book.

From Mr. W. A. Lucas, Lincoln, 1 volume music.

From Evelyn Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 168, Belvidere—Twelve stockings popcorn, 1 picture book, picture cards, 3 pairs hose, 1 bib, 1 quilt, 1 gown, 3 skirts.

From Bros. Selvage, Quinby, Wood, Taylor, Helfrick and Strader, Bentley Lodge No. 412, Carthage—Parcels of nuts and candy.

South Englewood Rebekah Lodge No. 464, South Englewood—1 package candy.

Oquawka Rebekah Lodge No. 360, Oquawka—4 comforts, 5 dresses, 1 pair blankets, 2 boxes cookies, 2 pillow slips, 2 boys' waists, 1 box pop corn, 1 package picture cards, 1 gown, 1 pair overshoes, 7 yards outing cloth, 1 sack flour, 3 books, 1 skirt, 1 can butter, 1 glass jelly.

Gertrude Rebekah Lodge No. 147, Elgin—2 jackets, 1 pair shoes, 5 handkerchiefs, 1 dress, 2 skirts, 1 dress shirt, 1 gown, 1 apron, 1 little girl's skirt, 1 mouth organ, 1 box toilet soap.

Humboldt Park Lodge No. 658, Chicago—One dress pattern, 1 work box, 1 box candy, 1 toy watch, 1 magic lantern.

Adell Rebekah Lodge No. 148, Roodhouse—10 cans fruit, 3 glasses jelly, 1 dozen oranges, 1 flannel skirt, 1 Tam o'Shanter, 2 pairs socks, 2 hats, 2 caps, 2 shirts, 1 coat, piece muslin, 1 pail candy.

Onarga Rebekah Lodge No. 437, Onarga—18 cans fruit, 9 glasses jelly, 1 can pickles, 2 turkeys, 6 chickens, 1 roll butter, 1 sack hickory nuts, 2 pairs cotton blankets.

Angelica Rebecca Lodge No. 51, Warsaw—2 quilts, 2 aprons, 2 boys' waists, 2 wool vests, 10 yards hair ribbon, 2 skirts, 1 dress, 1 hood, 2 Tam o' Shanters, 1 pair drawers, 1 doll's quilt, 2 dolls, 2 balls, 1 rag doll, 2 doll hats, 6 doll hoods, 1 game, 1 book, 3 quarts fruit.

Brothers and Sisters Dysert, Spencer, Jacobs, Pittsenbarger, Lester and Ford, of Unique Rebekah Lodge No. 450, Arrowsmith—1 barrel apples.

Brother Adam Denger, 1 box oranges.

From West Liberty Rebekah Lodge No. 424, West Liberty—1 pair towels, gingham and toweling, 5 cans fruit, 3 chickens, 3 yards muslin, 1 cup jelly, 1 bushel potatoes, 3 handkerchiefs, 2 pounds butter, 2 sacks flour, 1 sack apples, 2 pounds candy, 5 yards calico, 2 packages dried fruit; and from Subordinate Lodge, 1 turkey.

Parthenia Rebekah Lodge No. 229, Cairo—1 comfort, 27 handkerchiefs, 14 pairs hose, 1 dozen pairs mittens, 11 yards tennis flannel, 4 towels, 4 union suits, 3 night shirts, 2 dresses, 2 boys' waists, 1 gown, 3 girls' waists, 9 aprons, 4 pieces gingham, 4 pairs knit drawers, 1 knit shirt, 9 pairs drawers, 1 bottle Hood's Sarsaparilla, 1 dress pattern, 4 jars fruit, 1 glass jelly, 2 books, 2 packages papers, 2 cans corn, 4 cans tomatoes, 1 jar peaches, 1 spool thread, magazines and pamphlets.

From Sisters Coyle, Kerste, Anna Kerste, Shyeng, Christman, Hawley and Moody, Ottawa—Three comforts, 1 quilt, 10 sheets, 12 handkerchiefs; from Sister Purigue 1 night robe, 2 pairs drawers.

Makanda Rebekah Lodge No. 304, Makanda—2 boys' waists, 1 book, 2 vases, 1 toy watch, 6 lead pencils, 1 bar soap, 1 pair pants, 1 hat, 1 tablet, 4 aprons.

Members Rainbow Rebekah Lodge No. 142, Oakwood—4 yards woolen goods, 5 yards dress lining, 2 pairs socks, 8 handkerchiefs, 1 sheet, 2 pairs pillow slips, 4 pairs hose, 5 yards outing cloth, 15½ yards gingham, 45 yards calico, 15 yards muslin.

Sister Lorena Richie Campus—Consecutive numbers Youth's Companion.

Brother W. H. Crocker, Hinsdale—A large box assorted hair ribbons

Brother Frank Barowsky, Peoria—1 barrel sour krout.

Mrs. Mary A. Brown, Golden Rod Rebekah Lodge No. 105, Pulaski—2 pairs pants, 1 pair suspenders, 1 drawer waist, 2 skirts, 1 dress.

Alexander Lodge No. 224, Cairo—2 cans vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 package popcorn, 24 yards gingham, 37 yards calico, 1 dress, 1 pair pants, 2 pairs drawers, 6 pairs hose, 10½ dozen handkerchiefs.

Auburn Lodge No. 543, Auburn—36 quarts fruit, 1 quart mince meat, 10 quarts fruit butter, 7 quarts jelly.

Anna Rebekah Lodge No. 262, Anna—2 comforts, 2 sheets, 4 pillow slips, 2 dresses, 3 aprons, papers.

Irene Lodge No. 72, and Idell Rebekah Lodge No. 359, Versailles —14 yards cotton flannel, 10 yards muslin, 2 boys' waists, 2 handkerchiefs, 4 pairs hose, 1 apron, 1 hat, 1 skirt, 1 hood, 48 cans vegetables, 18 quarts fruit, 1 glass jelly.

Sewing Society, Monmouth Rebekah Lodge No. 128, Monmouth—8 sheets, 2 bed spreads, 1 comfort, 1 quilt, 1 pair cotton blankets.

Members Fish Hook Rebekah Lodge, No. 398, Fish Hook—1 quilt, 1 comfort, 1 pair cotton blankets, 1 sheet, 1 pair pillow slips, 1 boy's waist.

From five-years-old Louise Gillfillan, Watseka—Pictures, papers and cards.

From Irving Park Lodge No. 190, Irving Park—12 dresses, 4 shirt-waists, 5 dress waists, 1 jacket, 4 cloaks, 6 coats, 1 vest, 7 pairs pants, 2 hoods, 8 blouse waists, 1 skirt, 1 pair hose, 8 pairs drawers, 8 under-shirts, 1 drawer waist.

From Industrial Lodge No. 550, Barclay—A box of buns and a ham left from a banquet.

From Alexis Rebekah Lodge No. 135, Vermilion—26 quarts of fruit, 1 quart fruit butter.

From Plainville Rebekah Lodge No. 311, and Stone's Prairie Lodge No. 759, Plainville—2 comforts, 5 sheets, 2 pillow slips, paper dolls and picture cards.

From Sisters Olive J. Blackman and Luella Clingenpeel, El Dorado —1 jacket, 2 pairs socks, 2 pairs drawers, 2 pairs gloves, 7 pairs pants, 1 boy's waist, 2 neckties, 7 sheets music, 15 yards hair ribbon.

From Elgiva Rebekah Lodge No. 194, Chicago—20 woolen dresses and one jacket.

From Home Sewing Society, Anna Rebekah Lodge No. 262, Anna —14 cans fruit.

Good Samaritan Rebekah Lodge No. 140, Oregon—1 dress, 6 spools thread, 1 comfort, 53 sheets, 58 pillow slips, 178 yards gingham.

Orphans' Home Society, Elmwood Rebekah Lodge No. 319, Elmwood—10 sheets, 20 pillow slips, 6 hoods, 3 towels, 3 collars, 1 handkerchief, 2 sachets, 3 pin cushions, 4 books, 1 box scrap pictures.

From Mrs. Edna Hartman, Argenta—Copies of The Echo and Ladies' Home Journal, and from W. E. Hartman, 1 dozen pocket knives.

From Forest Home Rebekah Lodge No. 416, Forrest—4 gowns, 4 pillow slips, 2 pairs drawers, 1 pair pants, 1 drawer waist, 1 hair ribbon, 1card buttons, paper dolls and pictures.

From a friend of the Home—Two aprons, 2 pairs drawers, 2 gowns, 1 vest, 1 jacket, 1 doll's quilt.

From Saunemin Rebekah Lodge No. 354, Saunemin—2 comforts.

From Sewing Circle, Lucille Rebekah Lodge No. 61, Winchester—5 dresses, 4 aprons, 2 pairs pants; and from Belle Hainsfurther, 1 pair drawers and 1 gown.

From May Queen Rebekah Lodge No. 210, LeRoy—1 cloak, 1 waist, 3 dresses, 2 shirts, 11 aprons, 2 comforts, 6 pillow cases, 2 games, 2 boxes soap, 2 packages nuts, 2 packages dried fruit, 50 quarts fruit, 6 glasses jelly, music, papers, books.

From Bro. M. P. Berry, Bentley Lodge No. 412, Carthage—A fine B flat Curtois cornet.

From Charity Home Rebekah Lodge No. 112, Fairbury—2 comforts.

From Mite Society, Anchor Rebekah Lodge No. 84, Rockford—15 muslin union suits.

From J. E. Holcomb, Rockefeller Lodge No. 815, Rockefeller—4 feather ticks.

From Mystic Star Rebekah Lodge No. 291, Chicago—1 cloak, 2 pairs of hose, 1 apron, 4 pairs drawers, 2 pairs shoes, 4 drawer waists, 3 dresses, 2 skirts, 5 pairs pants, 4 blouse waists, 1 coat, 1 undershirt, 1 pair suspenders, 3 hats, 5 neckties, 1 round comb, 2 vests, 1 pair knit drawers, a union suit, 1 boy's waist.

From A. C. McClurg & Co.—15 books for library.

Rosedale Rebekah Lodge No. 371, Kinmundy—1 pair slippers, 26 handkerchiefs, 10 yards lace, 1 box blocks, 3 bars soap, 2 tablets, 1 game, 1 pair mitts, 13 picture books, 2 pairs drawers, 2 drawer waists, 1 night shirt, 2 vests, 1 skein yarn, 10 yards calico, 6 yards gingham, package paper dolls, Youth's Companion, 3 cans fruit and $3.65.

From Bro. E. S. Conway, Chicago—24 bibles.

From Oriental Rebekah Lodge No. 272, Argenta—6 outing-cloth skirts, 2 boys' waists, 1 sheet, 1 muslin gown, 4 calico dresses, 5 gingham aprons, 2 cards buttons, 1 calico apron, 10 quarts fruit, ribbon, books; and from Argenta Lodge No. 720, 57 yards of muslin, 45 yards of calico, 43¼ yards apron gingham, 1 dozen pairs hose, 20 yards crash, 18 dozen buttons, 15½ yards percale and 10 yards dress gingham.

Supposed to be from Louisville Rebekah Lodge—2 comforts. (No letter.)

Sister Ida F. Thulien, Galesburg—2 caps.

John A. Critchfield, Lincoln—3 Plymouth Rock pullets.

Banner Rebekah Lodge No. 447, Downer's Grove—1 ham, 20 pounds sugar, 1 sack flour, 2 quilts, 1 quart can lard, 15 yards gingham, 22 yards muslin, 1 piece bacon, ½ bushel potatoes.

Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 256, Moline—13 shirts, 1 waist, 5 neckties.

Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge No. 369, Chicago—7 dresses, 5 aprons, 2 waists, 1 cap, 5 skirts, 3 pairs hose, 8 pairs drawers.

Thusnelda Rebekah Lodge No. 43, Chicago—24 sheets, 24 pillow-slips, 12 towels, 6 bed spreads, 1 box thread, 1 box hooks and eyes and 1 box hair ribbon.

Aid Society, Ideal Rebekah Lodge No. 75, Perry—12 sun bonnets, 12 aprons, 21 shirts, 13 pairs drawers, 12 night gowns, 9 under waists.

Sister E. T. Judd, Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge No. 27, Quincy—12 nice thimbles in boxes.

Queen City Rebekah Lodge No. 363, Shelbyville—1 quilt, 9 books, 1 scrap book, 9 quarts fruit, 1 towel, 1 blouse waist, 3 quarts vegetables, 1 glass jelly, 3 pieces calico, 1 piece muslin, 1 box toilet soap, hair ribbon, picture cards, paper dolls.

Beulah Rebekah Lodge No. 265, Morris—17 quarts fruit, 2 cans corn, 1 can tomatoes, 1 quart catsup, 1 quart pickles, 6 glasses jelly.

Zerah Rebekah Lodge No. 86, Jewett—1 crazy quilt, 11 yards muslin, 6 handkerchiefs, lead and slate pencils, paper dolls.

Harriet Scovill Rebekah Lodge No. 293, Kankakee—7 dresses, 4 gowns, 12 blouse waists, 14 pairs drawers, 12 drawer waists.

Sister Fannie M. Sapp, Good Hope Rebekah Lodge No. 114, Good Hope—1 comfort.

Bro. A. T. Sherman, Wilmette—A large number of sea shells, coral, etc., also gladiola and dahlia bulbs, relics of Chicago fire, etc.

Sister Ruth R. Malter, Aurora—1 child's dress and skirt.

Bro. P. H. Sherburne, Wenona—A complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica and miscellaneous magazines.

David H. Harts, Lincoln—A barrel of apple butter.

Bro. Adam Denger, Lincoln—24 boxes of strawberries.

Sister M. A. Brown, Pulaski—60 boxes of strawberries.

Bro. A. T. Sherman, Wilmette—A beautiful life-size portrait of his wife, our deceased Rebekah sister.

Seven Sisters Altona Rebekah Lodge, Altona—6 pairs of drawers, six waists and a fine quilt.

Sister Rose Shank, Vandalia—A beautiful album quilt.

Sister May D. Stone—One boy's suit.

Hulda Rebekah Lodge No. 46, Cameron—6 beautiful lawn dresses.

First Swedish Rebekah Lodge No. 124, Chicago—21 nice dresses and 10 gowns.

Westville Rebekah Lodge No. 327, Westville—2 quilts.

"A Friend," Lincoln—6 dozen fine carnations for graduates.

Bro. M. P. Berry, Carthage—2 crates raspberries.

(Lodge not indicated)—13 quarts fruit, 4 packages dried fruit, 3 packages nuts, 1 box marbles, 1 dozen toy flags, 2 boys' waists, 7 yards lace, 20 yards lawn, 14½ yards gingham, 2½ yards wool goods, buttons,

Anna Rebekah Lodge No. 262, Anna—3 gingham dresses, 1 comfort.

Sister Susan Elam, Moss Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 332, Ladd—1 shirt, 2 dresses, 1 blouse, 2 skirts, 1 pair pants, 2 dress patterns, 2 undervests, 3 bibs, 1 pair suspenders, 2 pair hose supporters, 2 pair hose, 3 handkerchiefs, 2 knitted sacks, 1 hood, 1 baby's cap, 3 skeins wool, buttons, shoe laces, pins, thread, soap, gloves and hair ribbon.

G. E. Dieckmann and wife, Vandalia—3 crates of cherries.

Aid Society of Vesta Rebekah Lodge No. 29, Galesburg—3 large and 3 small white aprons, 3 white skirts.

Bro. Adam Denger, Lincoln—A lot of fireworks.

"A Friend"—Croquet set for girls.

South Park Lodge 488, Chicago—Strip of carpet and rugs for South Park dormitory.

Sewing Society, Lilla Rebekah Lodge 63, Springfield—34 pillow shams.

Genevieve Rebekah Lodge 177, Hamilton—14 sheets and 19 pillow slips.

Sister Mary A. Brown, of Golden Rod Rebekah Lodge 105, Pulaski—10 baskets of delicious grapes.

Parthenia Rebekah Lodge 229, and Safford 67, Cairo—Furnishings complete for three-bed dormitory.

Sewing Society, Central Rebekah Lodge 313, Mt. Pulaski—A beautiful worsted quilt; and from Sister W. H. Ralston, same Lodge, 14 glasses jelly.

Little Gail Frost, Kinmundy—3 pairs drawers and one corset waist.

Eureka Rebekah Lodge 58—Complete furnishings for 4-bed dormitory in cottage.

Financial Statement.

The following are the receipts for the period commencing October 1, 1896, and ending September 30, 1897:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer Oct. 1, 1896	$ 8,260 88
Appropriation made by the Grand Lodge Nov. 1896	15,000 00

CASH DONATIONS FROM LODGES OR INDIVIDUALS.

White Oaks Rebekah Lodge No. 314, Grape Creek	$5 00
Mae Rebekah Lodge No. 275, Sidell	5 00
Seymour Lodge No. 597, Seymour	3 00
Sophia Rebekah Lodge No. 96, Chicago	10 00
Chicago Lodge No. 55, Chicago	5 00
Mill Shoals Lodge No. 835, Mill Shoals	5 50
Fairview Rebekah Lodge No. 243, Fairview	5 00
Friendship Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Monmouth	10 00
Carbondale Rebekah Lodge No. 220, Carbondale	5 00
Gertrude Rebekah Lodge No. 147, Elgin	3 00
Lillian Rebekah Lodge No. 146, Gibson City	5 00
Hawthorne Rebekah Lodge No. 270, Sandwich	20 00

Princeville Rebekah Lodge No. 351, Princeville	$10 00
Germania Encampment No. 40, Chicago	6 00
Mahomet Rebekah Lodge No. 417, Mahomet	72
Mahomet Lodge No. 529, Mahomet	3 00
Sister Jessie Gilbert, Clyde	1 00
Hyde Park Lodge No. 722, Chicago	7 05
Dwight Lodge No. 513, Dwight	8 12
Eagle Encampment, No. 139, Joliet	10 00
Bro. M. P. Doud, St. Louis	2 00
Mound City Rebekah Lodge, No. 322, Mound City	6 00
Edith Rebekah Lodge No. 173, Champaign	5 00
Highwood Rebekah Lodge No. 353. Highwood	10 00
Winona Rebekah Lodge No. 38, Newton	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Andrews, Lincoln	5 00
Priscilla Rebekah Lodge No. 315, Mt. Carroll (rebate on freight)	85
Fernwood Rebekah Lodge No. 396, Fernwood	5 00
LaHarpe Rebekah Lodge No. 195, LaHarpe	5 00
Geneva Rebekah Lodge No. 274, Mattoon	10 00
Shawbenee Lodge No. 146, Durand	5 00
Mineral Spring Rebekah Lodge No. 352, Okawville	5 00
Bro. M. P. Berry, Carthage	10 00
Galena Rebekah Lodge No. 346, Galena	15 00
Lottie Rebekah Lodge No. 292, Potomac	3 00
Ella Rebekah Lodge No. 56, Chicago	6 50
Eureka Rebekah Lodge No. 58, Chicago	10 00
Tower Rock Rebekah Lodge No. 74, Grand Tower	5 00
Danville Lodge No. 69, Danville	15 00
Edina Lodge No. 391, Streator	5 00
Farina Lodge No. 634, Farina	5 00
Snatchwine Lodge No. 147, Tiskilwa	10 00
Brighton Park Lodge No. 639, Chicago	2 00
Florence Nightingale Rebekah Lodge No. 205, Lewistown	5 00
Oquawka Rebekah Lodge No. 360, Oquawka	10 00
Evelyn Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 168, Belvidere	8 00
Sheridan Lodge No. 662, Ft. Sheridan	10 00
Bro. Chas. Bramkamp, Columbus, O	5 20
Perry Lodge No. 97, Tamaroa	5 00
Humboldt Park Lodge No. 658, Humboldt Park	2 00
Guiding Star Lodge No. 319, Chicago	5 00
Holtslander Rebekah Lodge No. 70, Sterling	5 00
Home Rebekah Lodge No. 380, Chicago	10 00
Pellsville Lodge No. 565, Rankin	5 00
Eula Rebekah Lodge No. 24, Atwood	5 00
Lamotte Lodge No. 826, Palestine	4 00
Adar Lodge No. 334, Pana	10 00
Genoa Lodge No. 768, Genoa	4 00
Germania Rebekah Lodge No. 45, Chicago	10 00
Spoon River Rebekah Lodge No. 409, Ellisville	3 00
Teutonia Rebekah Lodge No. 226, Quincy	5 00
Newman Lodges, Newman	3 66
Macedonia Lodge No. 315, Macedonia	10 00
Piper Lodge No. 471, Piper City	10 00
Williamson Lodge No. 392, Marion	10 00
Marion Rebekah Lodge No. 93, Marion	5 00
Ava Rebekah Lodge No. 258, Ava	3 05
Castleton Rebekah Lodge No. 361, Castleton	5 00
Rosedale Rebekah Lodge No. 371, Kinmundy	3 00
Chrysanthemum Rebekah Lodge No. 133, Kinderhook	4 56

Banner Rebekah Lodge No. 447, Downer's Grove	$4 50
Lily of the West Lodge No. 407, Chicago	5 00
Lily of the Valley Rebekah Lodge No. 115, Streator	10 00
Queen City Rebekah Lodge No. 363, Shelbyville	6 00
Hardin Lodge No. 33, Elizabeth	5 00
Rockford Rebekah Lodge No. 31, Rockford	10 00
Queen Rebekah Lodge No. 227, Chicago	7 70
Bro. C. L. Bramkamp, Columbus, O.	5 00
Golden Link Rebekah Lodge No. 3, Chicago	10 50
Bethlehem Rebekah Lodge No. 32, Bloomington	20 00
Vernon Rebekah Lodge No. 426, Vernon	5 00
Perry Lodge No. 97, Tamaroa	1 00
Mariorraetta Rebekah Lodge No. 347, Arthur	2 50
Mendota Rebekah Lodge No. 419, Mendota	5 00
Melvin Rebekah Lodge No. 337, Melvin	5 00
Welcome Rebekah Lodge No. 28, Metropolis	5 00
Neola Rebekah Lodge No. 458, London Mills	2 00
Egyptian Queen Rebekah Lodge No. 324, Centralia	5 00
Golden Link Rebekah Lodge No. 3, Chicago	20 67
Mae Rebekah Lodge No. 275, Sidell	5 00
Charity Home Rebekah Lodge No. 112, Fairbury	10 00
Mary Rebekah Lodge No. 305, Liberty	5 00
Mt. Sterling Rebekah Lodge No. 190, Mt. Sterling	4 95
Lily Rebekah Lodge No 89, Peru	10 00
White Oaks Rebekah Lodge No. 314, Grape Creek	5 00
Diamond Rebekah Lodge No. 384, Barclay	5 00
St. Elmo Rebekah Lodge No. 406. St. Elmo	1 00
Tower Rock Rebekah Lodge No. 74, Grand Tower	2 00
Evelyn Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 168, Belvidere	5 00
Palmyra Rebekah Lodge No. 349, Palmyra	5 00
Mystic Star Rebekah Lodge No. 291, Chicago	7 00
Essex Rebekah Lodge No. 79, Essex	5 00
Mineral Springs Rebekah Lodge No. 352, Okawville	5 00
Taylorville Lodge No. 413, Taylorville	5 00
Edwardsville Lodge No. 46, Edwardsville	5 00
Orangeville Rebekah Lodge No. 452, Orangeville	2 50
Prairie Queen Rebekah Lodge No. 370, Dwight	5 00
Chicago Lodge No. 55, Chicago	5 00
Edith Rebekah Lodge No. 173, Champaign	5 00
Vesper Rebekah Lodge No. 172, Evanston	5 00
Altona Rebekah Lodge No. 60, Altona	2 00
Friendship Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Monmouth	5 00
Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge No. 369, Chicago	10 00
Elgiva Rebekah Lodge No. 194, Chicago	10 00
Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge No. 193, Maroa	5 00
Onarga Rebekah Lodge No. 437, Onarga	5 00
Highwood Rebekah Lodge No. 353, Highwood	10 00
Aquilla Rebekah Lodge No. 323, Bellflower	5 00
Lydia Woodford Rebekah Lodge No. 228, Eureka	5 00
Sheridan Lodge No. 662, Ft. Sheridan	10 00
Good Hope Rebekah Lodge No. 114, Good Hope	5 00
Orphans' Home Society, Elmwood Rebekah Lodge No. 319, Elmwood	5 00
Lena Lawman Rebekah Lodge No. 260, Minier	5 00
Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 362, Chicago	5 00
Alma Rebekah Lodge No. 163, Cairo	10 00
Lily of the West Rebekah Lodge No. 288, Bible Grove	3 00
Anna Rebekah Lodge No. 262, Anna	10 00
Parthenia Rebekah Lodge No. 229, Cairo	2 00

Genevieve Rebekah Lodge No. 177, Hamilton	$10 00
Moss Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 332, Ladd	5 00
North Star Lodge No. 620, Tioga	6 63
Roxana Rebekah Lodge No. 473, Herscher	10 00
Johanna Rebekah Lodge No. 233, Chicago	10 00
Good Will Rebekah Lodge No. 201, Olney	5 00
Monmouth Rebekah Lodge No. 128, Monmouth	5 00
Good Samaritan Rebekah Lodge No. 140, Oregon	10 00
Emeline Rebekah Lodge No. 8, Morrison	5 00
Lillian Rebekah Lodge No. 146, Gibson City	10 00
Hawthorne Rebekah Lodge No. 270, Sandwich	5 00
Goodwin Rebekah Lodge No. 192, Beardstown	5 00
Rosedale Rebekah Lodge No. 371, Kinmundy	5 00
Columbian Rebekah Lodge No 199, Decatur	5 00
Electra Rebekah Lodge No. 134, Paxton	5 00
Chrysanthemum Rebekah Lodge No. 133, Kinderhook	5 00
Aetna Rebekah Lodge No. 432, Brocton	5 00
Zoza Rebekah Lodge No. 176, Greenup	5 00
Pochahontas Rebekah Lodge No. 59, Joliet	10 00
Fernwood Rebekah Lodge No. 396, Fernwood	5 00
Oriental Rebekah Lodge No. 272, Argenta	5 00
Pride of Lake City Rebekah Lodge, No. 469, Chicago	10 50
Pekin Rebekah Lodge No. 224, Pekin	2 00
Sundry receipts	8 65
Orphan's Bre. at Home	2 98
Sale of calf	1 25
Ashkum Lodge No. 580, Ashkum	5 00
Charles B. Hoffman	3 00
Mrs. Mary Melvin, of Sciota	5 00
Bethlehem Rebekah Lodge No. 32, Bloomington	5 00
Priscilla Rebekah Lodge No. 315, Mt. Carroll	2 00
Sale of Berry Souvenirs	521 06
Mariorraetta Rebekah Lodge No. 347, Arthur	3 76
A. F. Anderson, Chicago	50 00
American Express Company, rebate	50
Sale of calf	1 25
Sycamore Lodge No. 105, Sycamore	4 10
Orphan's box at Home	29 95
Colchester Lodge No. 714, Colchester	10 00
A. F. Anderson, Chicago	50 00
Sale of hogs	89 30
Railroad tickets (overcharged)	31
Sale of calf	1 25
Golden Rule Lodge No. 374, East St. Louis	3 20
Manufacturers Lodge No. 485, Rock Island	10 00
Sandwich Lodge No. 212 (funeral expense)	21 85
W. H. Edwards, R. R. fare of James Smith	12 77
Receipts from commencement exercises	8 70
N. F. Lindsay, care of Walter Wardell	56 00
Rinard Lodge, rebate in R. R. fare of children	9 07
E. Fellstrom, R. R. fare of son	4 50
Sale of hogs	55 60
Sale of calf	1 00
Sale of cow	30 00
Sale of calf	1 50
Past Grand Sire Sanders of New York	5 00
Past Grand Master Medole of New York	5 00
Grand Representative Young, of Deleware	5 00
Grand Representative Neall, of Pennsylvania	5 00
Illinois Central, rebate on tickets	2 08

Exchange on hogs	$2 51
Two spoons (souvenir)	4 00
A. F. Anderson, Chicago	50 00
Lucille Rebekah Lodge, Winchester	76 40
Alta Rebekah Lodge No. 393, Chicago	70 62
Lodges of Champaign Co.	66 05
Mason City Lodge, Mason City	125 00
Thos. B. Needles, Grand Treasurer	146 45
Rebekah State Assembly	500 00
Total amount of receipts	$26,280 29
Amount overdrawn from Treasurer	968 21

EXPENDITURES.

Expense account	$2,841 14
Improvements	1,744 48
Clothing	1,301 99
Dry goods	183 53
Fuel	694 05
Furniture	1,545 66
Directors' meetings	188 62
Girls' cottage	8,730 56
Groceries	3,552 38
Meats	941 24
Medical attendance	26 17
Printing	15 50
School supplies	108 23
Salaries	4,244 79
Berry Souvenir fund	412 90
Water and light	717 26
Total	$27,248 50
Contingent fund in hands of Superintendent	$200 00

VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Valuation of property, October 1, 1896	$76,891 75
Amount expended for permanent improvements from October 1, 1896, to October 1, 1897	12,020 70
Value of Home	$88,912 45

For a more detailed statement see Grand Treasurer's Report hereto attached.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home Fund.

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1896		
Oct. 26.	To balance on hand	$8,260 88
Nov. 9.	Received from J. W. Yantis, Secretary	94 23
Dec. 9.	" " " " "	83 39
1897.		
Jan. 2.	" " " " "	216 96
Feb. 8.	" " " " "	95 96
Mar. 29.	" " " " "	197 30
Apr. 19.	" " " " "	541 83
May 14.	" " " " "	68 82
Aug. 6.	" " " " "	346 24
Sept. 8.	" " " " "	208 13
Oct. 4.	" " " " "	645 49
" 4.	" " Berry Souvenir Fund	521 06
" 20.	" appr'iation transferred from General Fund.	15,000 00
" 20.	" Amount overpaid and due Grand Treasurer.	968 21
		$27,248 50

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By orders paid, issued by the Grand Master and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, as follows:

NO.		VOUCHER NO.	AM'T.
2286,	A. S. Kirkpatrick, medical service	758	$5 17
2297,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., light for October.	759	23 90
2298,	Houser Furniture Co, mattresses and furniture	760	96 45
2299,	Joseph Shilling, horse hire	761	6 00
2300,	M. Reinhardt & Son, hardware. tools, etc	762	38 25
2301,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for October	763	57 54
2302,	F. C. Wilmert, meat for October	764	52 92
2303,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	765	46 33
2304,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expenses	766	109 68
2305,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for October	767	355 53
2306,	J. S. Ticknor, Board meeting	768	14 50
2306,	Maria A. Spalding, Board meeting	769	5 00
2308,	Sophia Niemeyer, Board meeting	770	7 75
2309,	Esther Wood, Board meeting	771	1 65
2310,	Kate Troxell, Board meeting	772	5 40
2311,	Helet M. Baldwin, Board meeting	773	5 50
2312,	E. L. French, orchestra lessons	774	26 00
2313,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	775	61 10
2314,	Adam Denger, groceries	776	227 50
2317,	Schlierback & Blucke, wheels	664	118 00
2318,	The Wasson Co., repairs	716	9 94
2344,	Chas. C. Reed, drugs, paints and oils	777	76 70
2345,	Edw. Iles, stove castings	778	6 15
2346,	Fred C. Wilmern, meat	779	40 73
2347,	Adam Denger, groceries	780	270 64
2348,	Citizens' Coal Miniug Co., coal	781	77 82
2349,	M. Reinhardt & Sons, hardware	782	2 20
2350,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat	783	21 88

NO.		VOUCHER NO.	AM'T.
2351,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	784	$45 85
2352,	B. P. Andrews, lumber	785	40 15
2353,	Lincoln Roller Mills, bran	786	2 90
2354,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expenses	787	76 93
2355,	L. L. Morrison, pay roll, November	788	350 53
2356,	E. L. French, orchestra lessons	789	26 00
2357,	Springfield Furniture Co.	790	14 00
2358,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., light for Nov.	791	34 88
2359,	A. C. Boyd & Son. dry goods	792	8 00
2360,	W. T. Eubank, repairing 180 pair shoes	793	41 25
2361,	M. Griesheim, clothing	794	40 00
2362,	Sheer & Schweikert, wagon	795	71 50
2363,	W. E. Wood, painting	796	12 00
2364,	E. B. Shackleford, harness repairs	797	4 50
2365,	W. A. Buck, glass and putty	798	7 50
2366,	W. R. Humphrey, Board meeting	799	8 50
2367,	J. S. Ticknor, insurance	800	382 00
2383,	M. Reinhardt & Son, hardware	801	18 35
2384,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	802	33 50
2385,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for December	803	54 51
2386,	M. Griesheim, clothing	804	107 30
2387,	Lyon & Healy, repairing instrument	805	6 25
2388,	E. D. Shackleford, harness and robe	806	6 90
2389,	Martin Denger, hair cutting	807	4 35
2390,	Wm. T. Eubank, repairing shoes	808	9 65
2391,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expenses	810	100 00
2392,	U. S. Express Co., express, December	811	2 10
2393,	Wm. Frengerford, material and work	812	26 65
2394,	Fred C. Wilmert, meat for December	813	47 07
2395,	E. L. French, orchestra lessons	814	26 00
2396,	Adam Denger, groceries	815	236 84
2397,	J. V. Farwell & Co., dry goods	816	60 40
2398,	American Express Co., express, December	817	2 40
2399,	W. R. Humphrey, board meeting	818	8 50
2400,	T. B. Needles, board meeting	819	1 75
2401,	L. L. Morrison, pay roll for December	820	362 33
2402,	A. C. McClurg & Co., books	819½	324 74
2413,	Robert Goebel, books	821	4 25
2414,	Wm. T. Eubank, repairing shoes	822	20 70
2415,	Chris Olsen, repairing clock	823	2 00
2416,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for January	824	31 91
2417,	Adam Denger, groceries	825	270 23
2418,	H. Marshall, Plumbing	826	79 15
2419,	L. L. Morrison, pay roll, January	827	362 33
2420,	Spellman. Orton & Spitley, feed	828	6 00
2421,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., water and light	829	214 75
2422,	Gillespie & Co., hats	830	15 00
2423,	W. E. Wood, lettering door.	831	3 00
2424,	Lincoln Mutual Telephone Co., service	832	7 40
2425,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	833	10 40
2426,	Houser Furniture Co., furniture	834	10 00
2427,	Fred C. Wilmert, meat	835	50 73
2428,	M. Griesheim, clothing	836	16 65
2429,	David C. Cook, S. S. supplies	837	10 69
2430,	A. C. McClurg & Co., labels	838	1 58
2431,	John Savage, hard coal	839	42 28
2432,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	840	30 00

NO.		VOUCHER NO.	A'MT.
2433,	Lincoln Roller Mills, feed	841	$18 00
2434,	W. R. Humphrey, board meeting	842	8 50
2445,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat	843	41 89
2446,	Adam Denger, groceries	844	257 14
2447,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll, February	845	367 33
2448,	Martin Denger, 63 hair cuts	846	6 30
2449,	C. A. Nicholson, Insurance	847	8 66
2451,	E. L. French, orchestra lessons	849	52 00
2452,	James Coogan, 502 lbs. lard	850	25 10
2453,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	851	37 50
2454,	M. Reinhardt & Son, hardware	852	16 05
2455,	M. Griesheim, clothing	853	51 95
2456,	Lyon & Healy, Music	854	4 13
2457,	Edward Iles, castings	855	7 93
2458,	Wm T Eubank, repairing shoes	856	15 05
2459,	B. P. Andrews, lumber	857	8 00
2460,	Chas C. Reed, school supplies	858	37 32
2461,	Fred C. Wilmert, meat	859	48 46
2462,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., light for Feb.	860	7 98
2463,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expenses	861	125 49
2464,	Hagen & Coogan, ice	862	47 62
2465,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	863	11 52
2483,	Lincoln Gas Co., gas for March	864	1 95
2484,	David C. Cook, Sunday school supplies	865	10 69
2485,	Boyd, Stickney & Co., hard coal	866	151 58
2486,	Springfield Furniture Co., school desks	867	59 20
2487,	Scheerer & Schweickert, blacksmithing, etc	868	12 70
2488,	M. Griesheim, clothing	869	13 10
2489,	Wm. T. Eubank, repairing shoes	870	12 50
2490,	W. N. Bock, glass and putty	871	14 11
2491,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	872	45 70
2492,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat	873	96 75
2493,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for March	874	371 13
2494,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense	875	276 04
2495,	E. L. French, band lessons	876	26 00
2496,	John I. Rinaker, plans and specifications	877	75 00
2497,	Spellman, Orton & Spitley, feed	878	6 00
2498,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., water and light.	879	135 27
2499,	Adam Denger, groceries	880	337 04
2500,	W. R. Humphrey, board meeting	881	8 50
2501,	A. C. McClurg & Co., library books	882	65 58
2528,	W. F. Hoyle, Estimate No. 1, Girls' Cottage	883	1,800 00
2529,	H. Marshall, sewering	884	202 47
2530,	Lincoln National Bank, sod and dirt	885	44 80
2531,	Henry Jones, sod and dirt	886	224 84
2532,	L. L. Morrison, pay roll for April	887	380 33
2533,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense	888	98 58
2534,	John Savage, coal	889	8 90
2535,	E. L. French, orchestra lessons	890	26 00
2536,	Illinois State Journal Co., stationery	891	15 50
2537,	M. Reinhardt & Sons, hardware, etc	892	32 25
2538,	Adam Denger, groceries	893	312 29
2539,	W. W. Kimball Co., piano	894	103 75
2540,	Spellman, Orton & Spitley, oats	895	12 40
2541,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods, March and April	896	11 51
2542,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for April	897	73 28
2543,	Frank Wiley, labor	898	34 50

NO.		VOUCHER NO.	AM'T.
2544,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., light for April.	899	$10 16
2545,	John Simpson, repairing roof	900	5 30
2546,	Lincoln Gas Co., gas for April	901	14 10
2547,	M. Griesheim, clothing	902	78 95
2549,	Wm. T. Eubank, repairing shoes	904	22 50
2550,	A. S. Kirkpatrick & Son, medical service	905	21 00
2551,	Barkley & Lax, furniture	906	14 64
2552,	L. E. Vinyard & Co., trees and shrubbery	907	200 20
2553,	J. O. Humphrey, Board meeting	908	12 60
2554,	J. W. Yantis, " "	909	15 00
2555,	Maria Spalding, " "	911	6 25
2556,	Sophie Niemeyer, " "	910	7 75
2557,	Kate Troxell, " "	912	5 50
2558,	Esther Wood, " "	913	1 65
2573,	Adam Denger, groceries	914	329 93
2574,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	915	101 20
2575,	N. Stoll, repairing shoes	916	10 35
2576,	M. Griesheim, clothing	917	31 65
2577,	J. S. Barens & Co., books	918	27 50
2578,	Wm. Hungerford, carpenter work	919	146 30
2579,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	920	8 58
2580,	Spellman, Orton & Spitley, oats	921	9 38
2581,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., light for May	922	13 89
2582,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for May	923	81 10
2583,	Frank Wiley, labor	924	30 00
2584,	Henry Jones, sod and dirt	925	328 52
2585,	E. L. French, orchestra lessons	926	26 00
2586,	L. L. Morrison, pay roll for May	927	392 58
2587,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense	928	89 41
2588,	A. C. McClurg & Co., books	929	22 58
2589,	J. W. Yantis, Board meeting	930	3 50
2590,	W. F. Hoyle, 2d estimate	931	1,400 00
2595,	L. L. Morrison, pay roll for June	932	365 31
2609,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., water and light.	933	154 56
2610,	D. L. Broncher, civil engineering	934	50 00
2611,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat, June and July	935	120 78
2612,	Adam Denger, groceries, June and July	936	659 36
2613,	M. Reinhardt & Son, hardware and supplies	937	92 87
2614,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods, June and July	938	26 79
2615,	C. J. Presler, repairing shoes	939	7 70
2616,	U. Stoll, repairing shoes	940	5 60
2617,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	941	77 05
2618,	Lincoln Telephone Co., service	942	4 50
2619,	M. Griesheim, clothing, June and July	943	142 47
2620,	The Wasson Co., machinery	944	18 84
2621,	E. D. Shackleford, repairs	945	1 15
2622,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll, July, $279.33; contingent expenses, $239.03	946	518 36
2623,	W. R. Humphrey, Board meeting	947	4 50
2624,	J. W. Yantis, Board meeting	948	12 00
2625,	T. B. Needles, Board meeting	949	2 50
2626,	Lincoln Roller Mills, feed	950	20 45
2627,	Schweer & Schweikert, wagon and horse shoeing	951	73 00
2628,	Spellman, Orton & Spitley, oats	952	12 97
2629,	Iron City Chemical Co., insect liquid	953	2 50
2630,	E. L. French, band lessons	954	26 00
2631,	W. F. Hoyle, estimate No. 3	955	3,838 60

NO.		VOUCHER NO.	AM'T.
2632,	John I. Rinaker, balance superintending Girls' Cottage	956	$75 00
2637,	Wm. Hungerford, mill work	957	42 15
2638,	W. H. Gullett & Son, flowers and plants	958	39 15
2639,	H. O. Coats, labor	959	8 50
2640,	B. S. Fullerton, pasture	960	10 65
2641,	C. A. Nicholson, insurance, Girls' Cottage	961	60 00
2642,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., light and repairs	962	9 80
2643,	Houser Furniture Co., furniture	963	49 35
2644,	L. L. Morrison, pay roll, August	964	269 73
2645,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense	965	149 59
2646,	Adam Denger, groceries	966	293 19
2647,	W. R. Humphrey, expense board meeting	967	8 50
2648,	T. B. Needles, expense board meeting	968	2 50
2649,	J. W. Yantis, expense board meeting	969	7 80
2650,	A. O. Carson, painting	970	42 00
3651,	W. F. Hoyle, balance on cottage contract	971	500 00
2652,	The R. Haas Electric Mfg. Co., fixtures, Girls' Cottage	972	250 00
2653,	E. L. French, band lessons	973	16 00
2654,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for August	974	43 10
2667,	W. N. Bock, shades, rollers, etc	275	77 90
2668,	M. Reinhardt & Son, hardware	276	14 67
2669,	Lincoln Water, Light & Power Co., water and light	277	97 97
2670,	L. L. Morrison, pay roll, September	278	388 33
2671,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense, September	279	169 54
2672,	M. Griesheim, clothing, August and September	280	173 32
2673,	W. W. Kimball Co., piano	281	100 00
2674,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat, September	282	78 59
2675,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	283	62 10
2676,	Chas. C. Reed, paints, oils, etc	284	225 41
2677,	Bramhall Duparquet Co., repairs	285	19 83
2678,	W. E. Wood, painting	286	121 85
2679,	C. D. Roberts & Co., flag	287	9 65
2680,	R. Haas Electric Mfg. Co., 19 switches	288	14 25
2681,	A. O. Cooson, painting	289	38 80
2682,	Frank Carson, painting	290	38 80
2683,	John A. Simpson, screens, Girls' Cottage	291	140 55
2684,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods and furnishings	292	517 57
2685,	Houser Furniture Co., furniture	293	294 80
2686,	W. M. Payne, hardware, girls cottage	295	212 30
2687,	Ostermoor & Co., mattresses	294	208 00
2688,	Ill. State Journal Co., stationery	296	4 00
2689,	Gerard & Shonp, ice to Oct. 1, '97	297	43 30
2690,	Adam Denger, Groceries	298	333 12
2691,	T. B. Needles, Board meeting	299	2 50
2692,	J. W. Yantis, Board meeting	300	5 50
2693,	Esther Wood, Board meeting	301	1 65
2694,	Sophia Niemeyer, Board meeting	302	7 75
2695,	Citizens' Coal Mining Co., shale, brick and coal	304	422 37
2696,	E. L. French, orchestra lessons	305	26 00
2697,	Maria Spalding, Board meeting	303	5 62
			$27,248 50

SUMMARY OF ABOVE.

Total disbursements	$27,248 50
Balance on hand and receipts during year	26,280 29
Amount overpaid and due Grand Treasurer	$968 21

SPECIAL HOME FUND OF REBEKAH LODGES WORKING IN GERMAN LANGUAGE.

Dr.

1896.		
Oct. 26.	To balance on hand	$25 47
1897.		
Oct. 9.	To loaned funds repaid	400 00
"	To interest on loaned funds repaid	26 00
		$451 47

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1897.		
Oct. 20.	By cash on hand to balance	$451 47

T. B. NEEDLES,
Grand Treasurer.

NASHVILLE, ILL., October 20, 1897.

Supplemental.

Since the completion of the above report, the following amounts have been received:

Alta Rebekah Lodge No. 329, Chicago	$54 38
Swan A. Miller, Chicago, for committee on picnic of Cook County Odd Fellows, for special fund of Rebekah Lodges working in the German language	229 00
I. O. O. F. Lodges of Springfield	.....

Insurance.

We are carrying insurance on main building, boys' cottage, girls' cottage, brick barn, frame barn, chicken house, live stock, grain and furniture, in the following companies:

$2,000.00 Fire Association of Philadelphia, expires Oct. 4, 1899.

$3,650.00 Fire Association of Philadelphia, expires Nov. 16, 1899.

$5,000.00 Rockford Insurance Company of Rockford, Ill., expires Aug. 26, 1900.

$5,000.00 The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, expires Nov. 20, 1901.

$5,000.00 Rockford Insurance Company of Rockford, expires Nov. 20. 1901.

$2,500.00 Security Insurance Company, New Haven, Conn., expires Nov. 20, 1901.

$2,500.00 The Reliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia, expires Nov. 20, 1901.

$5,000.00 The Imperial Insurance Company (limited) of London, England.

$5,000.00 Fire Association of Philadelphia, expires Dec. 8, 1901.

$5,000.00 Westchester Fire Insurance Company of New York City, expires July 17, 1902.

School Work.

The educational department, both of school and on industrial lines, is going forward with most gratifying results.

During the early part of the year it became apparent that another school-room must be added to the two already in use; accordingly a primary department was organized and placed under the care of Miss Mary E. Shriver, of Kinmundy, a teacher whose experience and recommendations have commended her to us, and her work already proves that she has rare ability as a teacher of small children, and one of the pleasantest features of a visit to the Home is to see the little folks at their school work.

Miss Fannie Barr still continues teacher of the grammar department, while Miss Laura Taylor has charge of the intermediate.

The same system and methods are used in the grades as taught in the public schools of Lincoln and Logan county.

Eleven of the children graduated and received diplomas from the Home school last June; by examination they were allowed to enter the Lincoln High School, five of whom have availed themselves of this opportunity. The excellent reports received from Superintendent Richardson and Principal Miss Kidd, give assurance that their work is being well done there.

We have now enrolled upon our school record the names of 133 children.

Moral and Religious Training.

In accordance with the principles of Odd Fellowship, the Home adopts no tenets of any specific religious denomination. All children who are old enough, weather permitting, attend divine worship on Sabbath morning, dividing the large number among the different churches of Lincoln. Wherever they go they are cordially received and they make themselves very welcome. Our Sunday School is one of the most delightful features, held in the double school-rooms every Sunday afternoon; superintendent and teachers from among the best citizens of Lincoln volunteering to assist us. Our only trouble now is the rooms are entirely too small, being more than filled. We shall hopefully wait for something better suited to the demands.

Music.

The Home band, under the direction of Prof. E. L. French, has made steady progress. Several of the elder boys, who were a part of the class last year, have gone from the Home, but the understudy which the Professor had wisely prepared for this emergency are coming on with wonderful ability.

Miss Mary Rucker has a large class of piano and vocal scholars among the girls, which, as in the past, is proving in all respects satisfactory. Music in the Home is a potent agency for good.

Industrial.

One of the strongest tenets of the Home is the necessity of thorough instruction along the lines of an every-day life of industry, such as wise parents teach in their own homes, and such as will be called for in the lives of all children so soon as they shall go forth into the world to battle for themselves. Practical demonstrations of the value of this theory are already coming to us in reports of children who have gone from the Home during the past year.

Girls are taught to bake and do cooking, as well as all other household work, while the boys, though helping on the farm and garden and heavier work of the house, can vie with the girls in making a good-looking bed or setting and cleaning the tables.

We have within the past year introduced into the Home the Diamond System of garment-cutting. Several of the girls are becoming quite proficient in its use, cutting, fitting and making their own dresses.

Who can tell what value these girls may reap from this knowledge when in the near future they shall be called to make a living for themselves?

Health.

But one case of serious illness has disturbed the usual good health of the Home during the past year; and while thus far in our report we have spoken only of the bright side of our year's experience, across its brightness there has fallen one dark shadow—the first death the Home has ever known. Brought to the Home while the superintendent, Sister Morrison, was seriously ill at the home of her daughter in Chicago, too sick to be refused admittance on a cold January day, the little one lingered till March 17th, when death kindly released her from suffering.

The sanitary arrangements of the Home are in a most perfect condition, as shown by the report of the Home Physicians, which is herewith presented:

LINCOLN, ILL., Oct. 13th, 1897.

To the Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home, Lincoln, Ill.:

Gentlemen, we hereby submit our annual report for the year ending October 1st, 1897.

Whole amount of charges	$50 50
Less 33 per cent, donated	16 80
	$33 70

There has been no epidemic of sickness during the year. No accidents requiring surgical attention. One death from Bright's disease of the kidneys contracted before entering the Home. No blame can be attached to any one belonging to the Home. The child was put on

treatment the day she came to the Home and had the best of care and nursing all through her sickness. The children are all healthy now. Nearly all of the sickness the past year was in diseased children coming into the Home through the certificates of over-interested physicians. Owing to the perfect sanitary condition and the careful management of the Home, the children have all been successfully treated and the Home is in perfect health.

Respectfully,

DRS. A. S. & W. T. KIRKPATRICK.

Several of our children have received gratuitous treatment for diseases of the eye and ear from the David Prince Sanitarium at Springfield. The most skillful treatment and generous interest shown by Dr. E. A. Prince entitles him to special thanks from all who are interested in the children of the Home.

New Buildings.

During the past year the Board of Directors have carried into execution the authority given them at the last session of the Grand Lodge by erecting a commodious cottage for the use of the larger girls. Though intended principally for dormitory purposes, it also combines a large reading-room and a pleasant reception-room.

On Thursday, September 23d, during the late session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Springfield, this cottage was formally dedicated by our Worthy Grand Sire, Fred Carleton, of Texas. We feel highly honored in having this event in the hands of the highest official of our Great Order, and in the presence of so large a number of its representative men and women creating an inspiration not soon to be forgotten.

This building accommodates forty girls, and its capacity will soon be taxed.

Additional Help.

The completion of the girls' cottage and the addition of the primary department of the school have necessitated the employment of two more assistants.

Miss Mary Shriver, who was governess at the boys' cottage last year, has been transferred to the school-room, and Miss Carrie Gibbs, of Mattoon, assumes the position of governess in the place made vacant.

Miss Jennie Parrill, of Farina, has been employed as governess at the girls' cottage.

There are at the main building at the present time sixty-nine children, Miss N. E. Vance still holding the position of governess of the girls, and Mrs. L. M. Neal of the boys. Mrs. Neal is also a very

competent nurse, looking after the entire family in that line, and watching them carefully when her services are required. The ladies in charge seem to be thoroughly in love with their work, ever willing to help on any line where their services may in an emergency be required.

Library.

Undoubtedly the most valuable auxiliary to the advancement of the children of the Home is the magnificent library, the proportions of which have increased very much during the past year by the sales of the Berry Souvenir, every penny of which, as its generous giver intended, has been applied to the purchase of books, and which gives us the pardonable pride of claiming the largest juvenile library in the State. We have upon our shelves more than 1,600 volumes.

Farm, Garden, and Orchard.

Having but 40 acres of land, a large plat of which is used as a lawn, and also remembering that the garden is a very important factor of the Home, it is very evident that the productions from a farm proper must be somewhat meagre.

During the past year we have suffered with others in this part of the country from a failure of the potato crop; and whereas we need to have about 400 bushels, we have in all about 150 bushels.

Our garden has furnished an abundance of vegetables for early and also winter use; the orchard is doing well, but apples, pears and peach trees are too young to bear, while berries, grapes, currants and all small fruit are providing for our needs. The following is a list of crops raised during the year.

150 bushels potatoes.
400 bushels corn.
300 bushels oats.
100 bushels sweet corn.
1000 heads cabbage.
25 bushels navy beans.
50 bushels lima beans.
35 bushels wax beans.
75 bushels sweet potatoes.
15 bushels turnips.
45 bushels beets.
30 bushels carrots.
30 bushels lettuce.
38 bushels peas.
20 bushels parsnips,
45 bushels tomatoes.
25 heads cauliflower.
50 water melons.
700 musk melons.

Squash and pumpkins in abundance. From the lawn has been cut a little more than eight tons of hay.

Live Stock.

Live stock at the Home consists of 3 horses, 9 cows, 1 yearling heifer, 22 hogs, and 200 fowls.

The Needs of the Future.

The most pressing want of the immediate future at the Home is a building for school and chapel purposes. The rooms now used for school purposes in the main building are greatly needed for other purposes and are wholly inadequate for their present use. We recommend the erection of a suitable building to be used for school and chapel purposes solely.

Acknowledgment.

It gives great pleasure to make special mention of the hearty response coming from the Rebekah Lodges in answer to the appeal sent out by Superintendent Sister L. L. Morrison through circular letter dated July 1.

Through this generous and speedy response, coming in less than two months, the new cottage for girls has been substantially and beautifully furnished, another evidence of loyalty from those who have never turned a deaf ear to appeals for the care of the fatherless, and whose lives "Fail not, falter not, weary not in well doing."

In this connection we would also remember the fraternal papers of our jurisdiction—the Odd Fellows Herald of Springfield, and the Illinois Odd Fellow of Chicago, by both of which papers the great principles of Odd Fellowship are scattered broadcast, and by whose untiring efforts for good the Home has been greatly aided.

Among the many benefactors to whom we are greatly indebted, we make special mention of our worthy brother Swan A. Miller, of Chicago, President of the Triple Link Mutual Indemnity Association of Illinois. His beautiful, touching exposition of "The Great Fraternity by the Side of the Cradle," in a late leaflet, entitled, "The Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Illinois," is worthy our most heartfelt appreciation and thanks.

For the information of the membership of our Order and others who are interested, we are glad to be able to report that the cost per capita of our orphan children for the past year has been $123.17.

Conclusion.

Another mile-stone is passed in the journey of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Illinois. Ending as does the fifth year of its life, in peaceful, quiet prosperity, there is little material for the chronicle of any event striking or exciting. Recognizing with deepest gratitude

the kind Providence that has been over us, the Board of Management and all connected with the Home are free from any unusual anxiety or worry.

The Directors take occasion to congratulate the Jurisdiction of Illinois and themselves, that after five years of stewardship, they feel warranted in saying that the tenets governing the Home have always been for the betterment of the conditions of the children, and the elevation of the principles of our Noble Order.

As the years go by, we continue to feel confident that the selection of Sister L. L. Morrison, at the opening of the Home, as its superintendent and matron, was a wise one, and that to her ability and careful training much good has resulted in the moral and intellectual growth of the children, as well as the success visible in every department of the work.

General methods which have served so well in the past have not been altered, and yet there has been given that careful attention to detail which means minor changes whenever such changes would seem likely to insure greater efficiency in any department.

We close this review believing, with the great majority, that there can be no more sacred or abiding work than that done for dependent children; and with the faith that our Grand Order in this jurdiction, which has so generously builded and cared for our Home in the past, will still continue to supply the wants of the orphans of our deceased sisters and brothers in all the years to come.

Fraternally submitted.

J. O. Humphrey,
E. S. Conway,
W. R. Humphrey,
T. B. Needles,
J. W. Yantis.

Old Folks' Home.

On May 5th, Brother R. W. S. Wheatley, P. G. M., tendered his resignation as Trustee of the Old Folks' Home; and on Sept. 1st Brother Henry Phillips, P. G. M., also tendered his resignation as Trustee. I accepted these resignations with regret, as both are able and honored brothers, and were valuable members of the Board. I appointed Henry A. Stone, P. G. M., to fill Brother Wheatley's vacancy, and C. M. Lytle, P. G. Mar., in place of Brother Phillips. Both are well-known brothers, and in these positions will labor zealously for the cause. The Grand Lodge authorized the Trustees to locate the Home, which they did by choosing Mattoon as the site. They deliberated long and carefully in this matter, and in their judgment decided thus for the best interests of the Order. Their report is herewith submitted, and for the good of the Home and the Order, I think this Grand Lodge should promptly approve it. After thorough investigation, the Board regarded the cottage plan as not feasible. As this is not in accord, however, with the instructions of the Grand Lodge, I suggested a postponement of further action until this Grand Body could approve or disapprove the change.

Brother Stone has also presented a minority report, which is herewith submitted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OLD FOLKS' HOME.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois, George C. Rankin, Grand Master:

DEAR BROTHERS: Your Trustees appointed by your Honorable Body to locate the Home for aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah, within this Jurisdiction, would respectfully report:

That on the 16th day of December, 1896, your Committee met at Decatur, Illinois, and together with the Advisory Board of the Rebekah branch of the Order, organized by electing Bro. Past Grand Master Mansfield, Chairman, and Bro. Past Grand Jewell, Secretary, and Sister Past President Harris, of the Rebekah Assembly, Treasurer of such funds as should be contributed or furnished by the Daughters of Rebekah. At this meeting, the Committee as originally constituted were all present, and it was determined that a circular letter should be sent to all the Lodges, asking for propositions from any locality desiring the location of the Home as to the amount proffered to be donated in money and lands, or either, together with a statement of facilities for water, drainage, lights, etc., all bids to be closed by the 25th of February, 1897. In response to such circular letter, the bids or propositions following this report and hereto attached and made part hereof were received.

On the 18th day of March, 1897, your Committee met at Danville, Illinois, and opened all bids received, and it was then determined that your Committee should visit and inspect all localities which had offered bids or donations for such location. At this meeting at Danville, the question was raised as to the advisability and practicability of building the Home strictly and entirely upon the cottage plan, as suggested perhaps in the circular letter sent to all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction by Grand Master Mansfield in October, 1896, and which letter is as follows:

"MANSFIELD, ILL., October 20, 1896.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F., State of Illinois:

"BROTHERS: At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, the subject of the feasibility and advisability of establishing in Illinois a Home for the aged, infirm and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah, was referred to the incoming Grand Master, with power to appoint a committee to report ways, means, etc. As Grand Master, I appointed as such committee E. S. Conway, Grand Representative, of No. 217; Henry Phillips, Past Grand Master, of No. 68; R. W. S. Wheatley, Past Grand Master, of No. 232; W. R. Jewell, Past Grand, of No. 69; M. P. Berry, Past Grand, of No. 412. This committee held its first meeting in Chicago, and gave to the matter in hand thorough consideration. It was their unanimous opinion that the time had arrived for the Order in Illinois to take this step, and the committee recommended that the resolution herein be submitted to the lodges in Illinois.

"The lodges of Cook county held a picnic at Momence on the 26th of June, and despite the fact of the hard times, they realized as net proceeds from the picnic the sum of about one thousand dollars as a nucleus of a fund for the building and establishing of a Home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah of Illinois. Your Grand Master had the opportunity of visiting a number of the lodges of Cook county, prior to the picnic, meeting the representatives and members from all of the lodges of Cook county, and there seemed to be a unanimous sentiment demanding the establishment of such a Home. The general plan, as discussed by the committee, was that we build no costly buildings or stately mansions; that there be no ornate architecture, but that the Grand Lodge should purchase for this purpose a farm of from 240 to 320 acres in a suitable climate upon a line of railroad having quick access and transportation to Chicago or other large market, and that this farm should be in a locality where fruit-growing and gardening is most successful and most prosperous; that upon this farm there should be a colony of cottages of three to four rooms each, with a comfortable door-yard, ample gardens and room for the raising of poultry and engaging in other kindred pursuits; that upon this farm should be planted orchards, and the raising of small fruit should be carried on upon a sufficient scale; within five years' time this Home would be self-sustaining. It is the experience of all fruit-growers that older persons take in it the deepest interest and are the most successful. Here our older members could in this way find that sort of employment, making themselves self-sustaining. Such a farm can now be purchased and sufficient cottages erected thereon to meet present demands for twenty cents per member in the State, and ten cents per member in the State will be sufficient to maintain the Home until it is placed upon a self-sustaining

basis. Odd Fellowship in Illinois has taken care of the beginning of life. Our Orphans' Home is one of the noblest monuments ever built by the hand of man. The Subordinate Lodges of Illinois are daily and weekly taking care of brothers and sisters of the Order during the middle part of life, but so far we have taken no concerted action in taking care of those in the declining years of life. As Grand Master a number of appeals have come to me for assistance for those who are no longer able to earn their own living by reason of old age and its too-frequent conditions. When we have established a Home for the "Old Folks," then Illinois Odd Fellowship can say to the world, "We are fully carrying out all of the commands of the Order: we visit the sick; we relieve the distressed; we bury the dead; we educate and care for the orphan, and we care for the widow and aged brother and sister." Then we can meet the world and say that Odd Fellowship is worthy, in every sense of the word, of the most enlightened and best citizenship known to man. My Brothers, if you could but know of all of the cases where you could bring sunshine and happiness by opening the doors of our "Old Folks' Home," you would not for a moment hesitate. I appeal to you in the name and in behalf of those who are now old and of those who are young and will become old, to provide comfort for that period of life which most men dread—old age. Let us build this Home, and every one of us will feel that we have provided a resting-place for old age where the tax-collector and the sheriff will not disturb us. Odd Fellowship will keep the fires burning bright upon the hearth, and when the summer sun is hot, the trees which you have planted and the wells which you have dug will furnish shade and refreshment to those who, otherwise, would be in distress.

"I therefore appeal to you to instruct your Representative, and to ask all of your Past Grands who attend the Grand Lodge, at its session of 1896, to vote for the resolution or propositions having for their object the establishment and maintenance of a Home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah belonging to and in good standing in any Odd Fellows' or Rebekah Lodge in the State of Illinois, providing the cost of said Home does not exceed twenty cents per member, per annum. I therefore ask that your Lodge will, on the first meeting after receiving this communication, submit to your members for a vote thereon, the following resolution:

Resolution.

"WHEREAS, The necessity is upon the Independent Order of Odd Fellows to provide a Home for its aged and infirm Odd Fellows, their wives, and the Daughters of Rebekah; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That our Representative to the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois at its next session be, and is hereby, instructed, and any Past Grand from our Lodge who may attend such session be requested,

to support any resolution, motion or proposition which may be introduced in said Grand Lodge which has for its object the establishment and maintenance of a Home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and the Rebekahs belonging to and in good standing in any Odd Fellows' and Rebekah Lodge in the State of Illinois, provided the cost of the establishment of said Home does not exceed the sum of twenty cents a member, and the maintenance of same does not exceed ten cents a member per annum.'

"To be more clearly understood, I ask that this resolution be read at your first meeting, and that your Lodge vote upon the instruction to your Representative, and I trust that the vote in Illinois will be unanimous in favor of the establishment of this noblest of enterprises, 'The Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home.' In the building of this Home, Odd Fellowship will not open the Home to the husband and exclude the wife; on the contrary, it will place them side by side in a comfortable cottage, where they can enjoy the remainder of their days, and bless God and man for the gifts of the Creator and the blessings and comforts of Odd Fellowship.

"The Daughters of Rebekah in Illinois led in the splendid work of building the Orphans' Home. The same spirit is again at the front, and the Daughters of Rebekah in Illinois are now raising money and funds to aid in the establishment of the Old Folks' Home. The most gratifying reports have been received from sister Nellie Harris, President of the Rebekah Assembly, of the raising of funds and the creation of a lively interest in this new enterprise. It has been said that 'the sisters stole a march on us and built the Orphans' Home,' and while we earnestly and anxiously expect and will receive their best effort in this new enterprise, yet the Subordinate Lodges of Illinois will not permit the sisters in this case to steal another march on us. They will find in the Subordinate Lodges the most active interest in this enterprise.

"I direct that your Secretary read this letter to your Lodge, and spread the same upon the record, and that you notify me immediately of the result of the vote taken, simply announcing the number of votes in favor of the proposition and the number of votes against the proposition on the inclosed blank.

"Wishing you the most complete success, permit me to remain,

"Yours fraternally,

"C. F. MANSFIELD, Grand Master."

For the purpose of gaining as much information on this point as possible, your committee visited the Indiana State Soldiers' Home, at Lafayette, Indiana, considered as the most perfect and modern representative of the system of cottages for the desired purpose as a home for males and females. Upon such visit, much valuable information was obtained, and a careful examination of such home, together

with full and impartial information by Col. McGrew, the very intelligent and successful superintendent of such home, as to the difficulty in the control and management of the inmates of the cottages in order to obtain the best results both as to the general welfare and discipline of the inmates of the cottages, caused your committee to hesitate and consider before committing themselves to what may be termed the cottage plan exclusively. Experience of others seemed to have taught this result, that a large central building with facilities for the taking care of a hundred or more people, besides furnishing the absolutely necessary offices, was of the first importance, around which could be grouped cottages of various capacities and accommodations as the inclinations of this Grand Body and the necessities of the future might suggest and require; thus combining both the cottage and general building plan.

At this stage of your Committee's work, Brother Past Grand Master Wheatley felt compelled, on account of personal interest, to resign his place on the Committee, and Brother Past Grand Master Stone was duly appointed by the Grand Master to fill the vacancy thus created.

As then constituted, in May, 1897, from the 10th to 21st, inclusive, your Committee visited the several locations offered, and made in each locality a most careful and disinterested investigation of all the surroundings of each proffered site. We realized that the people of the respective localities each felt theirs should be the favored place, and nothing which could be done for the purpose of creating a favorable impression for each site respectively was omitted to be done by their respective friends. During their visits, and before the Home was finally located, your Committee were most cordially welcomed and given full credit for honesty and manly integrity. The kindness shown us was much appreciated; but your Committee felt the obligation placed upon them to do what seemed to them to be for the best interests of the Order, and ignoring the ambitions, and perhaps hoped-for speculations, of each and every locality.

We demanded first of all a healthy locality, a full supply of pure water, and complete drainage, such drainage as could not be in the future complained of against us because of doing harm or injury to others in either health or property. Next in importance came the facilities for reaching the Home by public lines of travel, and of ready access to the controlling and leading markets of the country, and, in addition to these things, your Committee felt that the Home and its future should not be liable to the influence of a tardy growth of the city or village in which it should be located, but should feel the influence, and receive the full benefit, of an increasing population, and the beating pulse of energetic, active business, so that its property should constantly increase in value and benefit.

Without disparagement to Olney, with its beautiful situation, its free and noble-hearted citizens; Clay City, with its most tempting location and enterprising inhabitants; Alton, with its generosity and so many advantages in the way of building materials and close proximity to the great City of St. Louis; Mt. Vernon, with its beautiful grove and active men of business; Vandalia, with a situation unsurpassed for loveliness and grandeur; St. Elmo, with the most remarkable and controlling spirit which ever led a village to a point challenging the admiration of all who know her; Alhambra, ambitious and well worthy the attention of all lovers of prosperity; Fairfield, which should be proud of her active, pushing business men; Monmouth, justly proud of her schools, her manufactories, and grand and generous citizenship; Shelbyville, with its location that almost tempted to a success the location of the Orphans' Home because of its enticing hills and beautiful surroundings; Roodhouse and White Hall, the twin cities of manufacturing fame, with their beautiful surroundings, made a very tempting offer, which was withdrawn before a final vote on site was taken,—your Committee felt that Mattoon, with its ten thousand inhabitants, its three trunk lines of railroad giving easy access to the great cities of St. Louis, Chicago, Terre Haute and Indianapolis and the great Northwest, and Nashville, Tennessee, and the New South, the activity, energy and push of its business men, the beautiful location of the grounds offered, the responsibilities assumed by its citizens, as evidenced by the bond (a copy of which is herewith presented) secured as no other bond in Illinois was ever before secured, with an inexhaustible supply of pure and healthful water furnished without cost to our Home, with a public sentiment almost, if not entirely, in our favor, located in a section of country noted for fruit-growing and gardening of all kinds, and conducive to health, had a claim upon the judgment of a majority of your Committee which could not be ignored, and, upon the final vote, Mattoon, by a majority, was chosen as a proper place at which the Home should be located. Your Committee feels that in so locating the Home at Mattoon it has complied with all the conditions and requirements set forth and demanded by the resolution and power which gave it existence and authority to act. The ballot on location was as follows:

First ballot, Mattoon, 2, St. Elmo, 2, Olney, 1; second ballot, Mattoon, 2, Alton, 2, Olney, 1; third ballot, Mattoon, 2, Vandalia, 2, Olney, 1; fourth ballot, Mattoon, 2, Monmouth, 1, Olney, 2; 5th ballot Mattoon, 2, Monmouth, 2, Olney, 1; 6th ballot, Mattoon, 3, Monmouth, 1, Olney, 1. Monmouth was then chosen as second, and Vandalia third choice.

Your Committee would further report that, having located said Home at Mattoon, it accepted as being amply sufficient for all its purposes one hundred and thirty-six acres of ground, which is deeded to your Honorable Body, without any lien or reservation or reversion, in

fee simple, at a price of seventy-five dollars per acre, although the citizens of Mattoon paid for said land the price of ninety-five dollars per acre, thereby leaving due to the Grand Lodge the sum of eighteen hundred dollars cash, which has been paid to your Honorable Body, and is available for building purposes. Mattoon's cash bonus was $12,000.

Your Committee, in accordance with the resolution creating them, on the 31st day of July, at Mattoon, decided to proceed at once with the erection of a main building about which cottages could be arranged as needed, and as the Grand Lodge should further direct. Your Committee with the architect decided upon plans for said building and for the proper arrangement of cottages about it. At the meeting in Decatur on the 4th day of September, the resignation of Judge Henry Phillips, on account of health and loss by fire, was announced, as well as the appointment of Brother C. M. Lytle, of Decatur, to fill the vacancy. Brother Lytle attended said meeting. All of the trustees having been notified of this meeting, it was decided by a majority of the trustees to adopt the plans as offered by the architect, E. J. Hodgson, of Mattoon, and a building committee was appointed and authorized by the Board to proceed to make the necessary arrangements for laying the foundation and corner-stone of said building. Bids for different sized buildings were then ordered to be called for by advertising in various newspapers. Such bids were accordingly received, and before the Board of Trustees could be called together to award the contract. the following communication was received from Grand Master Rankin:

"SPRINGFIELD, ILL., September 22, 1897.

"DEAR BRO. MANSFIELD: We had a conference yesterday and one to-day in regard to the Old Folks' Home. Among those present were Bros. Berry, Needles, Lindly, Miller, Wheatley, Jewell, Raible, Lytle, Smollinger, Brainard, Kistler, Davis, Heinl, Goodrick, Howard, Conway and Stone to-day.

"It was the unanimous judgment that the Home was irrevocably located and settled, but that it would be wise to proceed no further until the Grand Lodge met. Jewell, Lytle and Raible agreed to this. Under all the circumstances, I think it would be best not to perfect any contracts until after Grand Lodge. You can, if you choose, advertise for bids for the main building and have them ready with your recommendation, but do not award any contracts until later. The fact that the Grand Lodge authorized the cottage plan, which you have changed (and properly, too, in my judgment), will give you an excuse to delay further action until the wishes or indorsement of the Grand Lodge are obtained. In the interest of peace, harmony, etc., all believe this to be the wisest course to pursue. If I could see you I could talk more fully. Do not complete the contract for the foundation for the present. Fraternally,

"GEORGE C. RANKIN, G. M."

On receipt of the above letter, all bids were verbally rejected and all work of every kind suspended, in compliance with the request of the Grand Master, it being deemed advisable to stop all proceedings and work until this Honorable Body could pass upon the question, and the Trustees were not called together to let the contract for the foundation, "harmony being the strength of all institutions, and especially ours." The above request of the Grand Master and delay of this work was upon the protest filed by Past Grand Master Henry Stone. There is now subject to the use of your Committee, for the purpose of building said Home, about the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and your Committee would recommend and respectfully ask that, in addition to the said sum of twelve thousand dollars now subject to the use of your Committee for erecting and building said Home and improving said premises, that there be made a further appropriation of twenty cents per capita per member from the funds of this Grand Lodge, which, together with the former sum of twelve thousand dollars, is directed to be used and expended in the building and erecting of a main or central building and improvements for said Home in and upon the lands deeded to this Grand Lodge at or near Mattoon, Illinois, with all convenient speed, and that the said sum to be appropriated by this Grand Lodge, together with said sum of ten thousand dollars heretofore appropriated for said Home, be paid by the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge in the same manner as said ten thousand dollars was directed to be paid.

Your Committee, after receiving the letter of the Grand Master and suspending operations, were unable, in the short time, to have complete plans of the entire building made, and to obtain bids in time to submit the same to this session of the Grand Lodge. From an approximate estimate of the cost of the main building, we are of the opinion the work can be done for twenty thousand dollars. This building will then have about fifty-four sleeping-rooms in addition to the offices, reception-rooms, dining-room, kitchen, cellar, and a two-story hospital attached to and connected with the main building, but far enough removed to give perfect quiet, purest atmosphere, greatest ventilation and perfect light, space to be allotted for an elevator if one shall be needed. A heating plant large enough to answer the needs of the institution for a great many years will be erected and put in operation for approximately the sum of twenty-five hundred or three thousand dollars. Your attention is especially called to the contract with the citizens of Mattoon, which is made a part of this report. All persons who have been connected with the Board of Trustees, in an advisory capacity or otherwise, have expressed themselves that the cottage plan without a central building is not feasible and practicable.

Your Committee have not yet adopted rules and regulations for the government of said Home. deeming that this was not important until the work had been carried to a further completion, and more

experience had been had in the matter. From investigation and study of the question, your Committee find that there will be sources of revenue for the maintenance of the Home other than by contributions from the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee submit to you this our report of our acts and doings. The financial statement of expenses is hereto attached and made a part of this report. Every member of the Board of Trustees has been faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his duty, and from our investigation and experience in the matter, we feel confident that Illinois will be proud of the day when the Old Folks' Home shall open its doors to receive those who are entitled to our care and protection.

We therefore recommend that the action of your Committee in so locating said Old Folks' Home upon the land mentioned in said contract and in the deed conveying said land to this Grand Lodge, and in the making and executing and accepting of the bond or contract by themselves and the officers of this Grand Lodge, and that the acts and doings of this Board of Trustees, be, and are hereby, in all things approved.

We further recommend that the cottage plan exclusively be not adhered to, but that a principal building as herein indicated shall be erected, and construction of cottages be left for the future determination of this Grand Lodge as from time to time necessity may require.

Most respectfully and fraternally submitted.

CHARLES F. MANSFIELD,
W. R. JEWELL,
JULIUS H. RAIBLE,
C. M. LYTLE,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
The Board of Trustees Old Folks' Home, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, State of Illinois.

NELLIE L. HARRIS,
EMMA M. HAYDEN,
IRENE REEVE,
CATHERINE HOEFER,
JENNIE TICKNOR,
Advisory Board of said Old Folks' Home.

Bros. Henry Phillips, R. W. S. Wheatley and C. M. Lytle participated in the making of this report covering the time of their respective services upon said Board of Trustees.

MATTOON PROPOSITION

Is contained and embodied in the following bond executed by her citizens:

Know all Men by These Presents: That we, the undersigned citizens of the City of Mattoon, in the County of Coles and State of Illinois, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound unto the "Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," in the penal sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00), for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, That, whereas, the above-named "Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," at its annual session held in Springfield, Illinois, in the month of November, 1896, decided to establish a Home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah in the State of Illinois, and, at the same time, appointed a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members, and empowered and directed its said Board of Trustees to determine upon a proper location within said State for the establishment of its said Home; and, whereas, the citizens of said City of Mattoon are desirous of having the said Home located in the said City of Mattoon or its immediate vicinity, and, as an inducement to the said Board of Trustees to so locate the same, and erect or cause to be erected upon the land selected by said Board of Trustees as a site for the location of said Home, or upon some part or portion thereof, a building or buildings of the value, when completed, of not less than twenty thousand dollars without furniture, and such building or buildings to be so erected within the time and space of not less than one year from and after January 1st, 1898; that they, the citizens of said City of Mattoon, promise and agree to and with the said Board of Trustees and with said Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that if they, the said Board of Trustees, would so locate the said Home in said City of Mattoon or in its immediate vicinity, that said City of Mattoon and they, the citizens of said city, among other things, would give, grant and extend to the said Grand Lodge and to the said Board of Trustees, and to their successors in office, or cause to be so given, granted or extended, the following items, rights, privileges and benefits, to-wit:

First.—The undersigned citizens of Mattoon hereby agree that John M. Hopkins, within ten days from this date, shall, by good and sufficient warranty deed, convey the following-described land:

The south west quarter (¼) of the south east quarter (¼) of section eighteen (18), and the north west quarter (¼) of the north east quarter (¼), and the north east quarter (¼) of the north west quarter (¼), and

six (6) acres of even width off of the north side of the north half of the south east quarter (¼) of the north west quarter (¼), and the north west quarter (¼) of the south west quarter (¼) of the north east quarter (¼), of section nineteen (19), all in Town Twelve (12) north, range eight (8) east of the third (3d) principal meridian, situated in the County of Coles and State of Illinois, in fee, free from all incumbrances and liens, to the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with abstract showing perfect title. The said undersigned citizens of Mattoon have further agreed to pay said Board of Trustees the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00) cash, and to furnish said Board of Trustees one hundred and forty (140) acres, or less, of the John M. Hopkins land above described, as said Board of Trustees may desire, at seventy-five dollars ($75) per acre; and said citizens further agree to pay said Hopkins for the land not to exceed one hundred and forty (140) acres taken by said Board of Trustees, and, upon delivery of deed from said Hopkins, to deduct from the twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00) the amount of the value of the actual number of acres taken at seventy-five dollars ($75) per acre, and to pay the balance of said twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00) in money to the said Board of Trustees.

Second.—That the said City of Mattoon would, without delay, macadamize, or pave with brick to the limits of said city, one of the principal streets leading out to the site herein described selected by said Trustees for the location of said Home, and that the commissioners of highways of the town of Lafayette, in said county, would, without delay, macadamize, or, by some other method, make into a good hard road the street or public highway leading from the limits of said city to the east line of the farm selected by said trustees for the location of said Home, which road passes along the entire north line of said farm; and if the said city, and said commissioners of highways, or either of them, refused or neglected to so improve said street and road on or before October 15, A. D. 1898, then, in that event, the citizens of said city would, upon demand, pay to the said Grand Lodge, in cash, a sufficient sum of money to enable it to so improve said street and public highway.

Third.—That the said City of Mattoon would, by proper ordinance, give and grant to the said Grand Lodge, and to the Trustees of said Home and to their successors, full and complete power, right and authority to connect the sewerage system of said Home, as the same shall be hereafter made, with the sewer system now or hereafter to be used by said city, and to maintain such connection; and that the said City of Mattoon, without delay, would lay and extend to the buildings now on and hereafter to be built upon the site selected by said Trustees for the location of said Home, a good and sufficient vitrified sewer pipe of not less than eight inches in diameter, and would connect the same with the sewer system now used by said city, and thereafter, during the existence of said Home, keep the said sewer

free from obstruction and in good condition and repair, and thereby, free from all charges or assessments, take care of and carry off all the sewerage of said Home, and keep safe and harmless the said Grand Lodge, its agents, officers, superintendents and others who, by authority or appointment of said Grand Lodge, may have any care, custody or control of said Home or be inmates thereof, from all liability or responsibility to any person or persons, or to any corporation or association, on account of said sewerage; and in case the said City of Mattoon should refuse, fail or neglect to lay, connect and maintain said sewer, that they, the citizens of said city, would, in lieu thereof, pay in cash to the said Grand Lodge a sum sufficient to enable it to lay and maintain said sewer as above described and to keep it safe and harmless from all liability on account thereof, or to otherwise provide suitable and proper means for the disposal of such sewerage in a safe and healthful manner.

Fourth.—That the said City of Mattoon would, without delay, lay and extend to the buildings now on and hereafter to be built upon the site selected by said Trustees for the location of said Home, good and sufficient water mains, and connect them with the water system of said city, and to establish sufficient fire plugs in and about said Home for protection from fire, and thereafter, during the existence of said Home, at all times, keep the said water mains and plugs in good condition and repair, and furnish through them to said Home, during its existence, free of charge, a sufficient flow of water for its protection from fire; and in case the said city refuses or neglects to establish said water system, as above set forth, that they, the citizens of said city, would, in lieu thereof, upon demand, pay to the said Grand Lodge, as liquidated damages, the sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000.00).

Fifth.—That the said City of Mattoon would, without delay, extend its electric light lines from the said city to the buildings now and hereafter to be built upon the site of said Home, and place and erect in the street and highway leading to said site, and place and erect in and about the grounds and about the buildings of said Home, free of charge to said Grand Lodge, the same quality of arc lights and the same distance apart as the lights now used in the streets of said city, and, for the period of fifty years, free of charge to said Grand Lodge and said Board of Trustees, with said lights so placed as above named, light said streets and highway leading to the said Home, and light the grounds and premises about and around said buildings, the same as the city lights its streets, and thereafter, for the period of fifty years, during the existence of said Home, at all times to keep the said electric light line in good condition and repair and furnish lights as above; or, in case the said city should refuse, fail or neglect to place and erect said lights, the said citizens of Mattoon would, upon demand, in lieu thereof, as liquidated damages, pay to the said Grand Lodge the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00). *Provided, however*, should the

corporate limits of said City of Mattoon be extended so as to include said Home therein, this fifth clause shall not release said city from so lighting the streets and premises about said Home.

Sixth.—During the period of three years to furnish to the said Grand Lodge, from time to time as it needs the same, ornate and architectural plans and drawings and specifications for all buildings to be erected by the said Grand Lodge on said site, the same to be made by Mr. E. J. Hodgson, or some other competent architect; or, should they fail or neglect to furnish the same, that they, the citizens of said city, would pay the said Grand Lodge, in lieu thereof, as liquidated damages, the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars ($1,750.00).

Seventh.—That the Illinois Central Railroad Company, the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company, and the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroad Company, the lines of which companies pass through said city, would haul and deliver at the stations in said City of Mattoon all goods and materials used by the said Grand Lodge from time to time in erecting its buildings upon said site, either directly or by its contractors, at one-half their usual and customary freight charges upon like freight, and that this arrangement should hold good until said Grand Lodge had saved in freights to itself or its contractors, or both, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00); and in case the said railroad companies shall refuse or neglect to do the same, that they, the citizens of said city, would pay to the said Grand Lodge, in lieu thereof, as liquidated damages, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00), or as much thereof as the said Grand Lodge had not received by way of rebate as aforesaid, either by itself, contractors or agents, or both.

Eighth.—That the three railroad companies above named, or some one or more of them, would, during the existence of said Home, furnish to the Board of Trustees and their successors free transportation from their respective homes to and from the said City of Mattoon, and to furnish the Advisory Board not to exceed four round-trip passes per year on request; or, in case of their failure to do so, that they, the citizens of said city, would, from year to year hereafter, pay to said Grand Lodge, in lieu thereof, the actual cost of said transportation when attending to business of said Home.

Ninth.—That during the existence of said Home the forty-acre tract of land belonging to the said Grand Lodge upon which the buildings are and will be situated shall not be liable for town, school, city, county, State or other tax; and should the same, at any time hereafter, during the period of fifty years, be assessed and the taxes thereon be collected from the said Grand Lodge, then, in that event, the citizens of said city agree, from year to year, to repay to the said

Grand Lodge all such taxes so paid by it during said period of fifty years, and to keep safe and harmless the said Grand Lodge from the payment of any taxes on such tract during said period of fifty years.

Tenth.—And, whereas, the said "Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows" has accepted the offers and bids so made to its Board of Trustees, and its said Board of Trustees have, in consideration of such offers, believing it to be a suitable place, decided to locate its said Home in the immediate vicinity of said City of Mattoon, and upon the land so offered them by the citizens of said city, to-wit: the site known as the "Hopkins farm," and more particularly described as follows: The south west quarter (¼) of the south east quarter (¼) of section eighteen (18), and the north west quarter (¼) of the north east quarter (¼), and the north east quarter (¼) of the north west quarter (¼), and six (6) acres of even width off of the north side of the north half of the south east quarter (¼) of the north west quarter (¼), and the north west quarter (¼) of the south west quarter (¼) of the north east quarter (¼) of section nineteen (19), all in town twelve (12) north, range eight (8) east of the third (3d) Principal Meridian, County of Coles, State of Illinois, which lands are in the vicinity of said City of Mattoon, and which tracts of land all the parties to this instrument have had in mind, and have considered in the making of this bond, and wherever herein "the site of said Home" is referred to, it is understood by all to mean upon the land above described.

Eleventh.—And, whereas, doubts have arisen between the parties of this instrument as to the right or power of any town, city or other municipal corporation to make or enter into any such agreement as is set forth herein, it is therefore hereby expressly stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto that in case the Grand Lodge, the said Board of Trustees and their successors in office, for any reason should deem it necessary to bring or defend any suit, either at law or in equity, upon this instrument, either to enforce any of its terms or conditions, or to recover damages for their non-performance, or to secure the enjoyment of its rights, privileges, grants and benefits, that no such question shall be raised by any of the parties hereto as a defense to any suit or cause of action that may be so brought; that this instrument shall be and is hereby construed to mean simply—that if the said town or city, commissioners of highways, railroads and other persons, do not carry out the provisions above set forth, that the citizens of said city, whose names are hereto subscribed, will do the same, or, in lieu thereof, pay to the said Grand Lodge the equivalent thereof in cash, as above stated; and this bond is given as a guarantee that the citizens of said city will faithfully keep and perform these agreements as above set forth.

L. L. McKinley

Grand Warden.

Now, therefore, if the said Town of Lafayette, commissioners of highways of the said Town of Lafayette, the said City of Mattoon, the said railroads and each of them, and the citizens of said city and vicinity, shall, and each of them, well and truly do and perform all that is herein above agreed to be done; and, in case of their failure, or the failure or neglect of any one or more of them to faithfully do and perform the same, the citizens of the said City of Mattoon, upon such failure, shall pay to the said Grand Lodge, in cash, in lieu thereof, the respective sums of money as above agreed upon, neither more nor less; then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise in full force and effect.

Witness our hands and seals, this 30th day of July, A. D. 1897.

Theo. Jonte,	(*Seal.*)	J. D. McCartney,	(*Seal.*)
Lewis L. Lehman,	"	A. I. Rhue,	"
Louis Katz,	"	John Kenney,	"
A. Spitler,	"	J. S. Cunningham,	"
J. Withington,	"	Henry Dahling,	"
Valentine Schlieker,	"	F. E. Bell,	"
L. S. Baldwin,	"	James M. Reed,	"
A. Morrison,	"	James H. Clark,	"
Martin Hoag,	"	J. A. Montague,	"
Winfield Woods,	"	Frank Berry,	"
F. M. Votaw,	"	J. L. Wachtler,	"
George Kizer,	"	John A. Horn,	"
G. E. Colson,	"	Richardson Brothers,	"
G. L. Matthews,	"	B. D. Parish,	"
Charles Westrup,	"	Jno. R. Hamilton,	"
Arthur Sommer,	"	Tobias Rappe,	"
J. J. Bell,	"	J. W. Stubbins,	"
J. W. Harris,	"	H. Gouchenour,	"
E. S. Moore,	"	Jno. F. Scott,	"
J. F. Marks,	"	R. J. Coultas,	"
Robert T. Holmes,	"	H. S. Riddle,	"
Charles E. Rudy,	"	Wm. Moran,	"
George H Rudy,	"	C. T. Feagan,	"
Richard Heap,	"	J. H. Morrison,	"
S. A. Campbell,	"	Ed. Arteburn,	"
George L. Horn,	"	A. R. Dixon,	"
Fred Harris,	"	Charles H. Moore,	"
W. W. Williams,	"	E. Hammann,	"
Adolph Sumerlin,	"	D. S. Gobbert,	"
I. B. Craig,	"	G. S. Richmond,	"
C. E. Wilson,	"	L. C. Henley,	"
C. W. Harris,	"	H. W. Clark,	"
John Kellerman,	"	F. D. Barr,	"

George Huferkamp,	(*Seal*)	William Myers,	(*Seal*)
James Vause, Jr.,	"	Frank Kerns,	"
A. T. Welman,	"	Emery Andrews,	"
William Byers,	"	Abram Hasbrouk,	"
C. H. Cordes, Jr.,	"	G. R. Capen,	"
B. J. Ashmore,	"	J. T. McClain,	"
A. G. Spencer,	"	S. M. Clark,	"
George N. Buck,	"	J. H. Slover,	"
R. O. Owings,	"	J. R. Frost,	"
A. H. Sutherland,	"	John Cook,	"
E. T. Ritter,	"	Chas. B. Fry,	"
J. H. Shaw,	"	J. J. Walsh,	"
W. M. Baldwin,	"	F. M. Lynch,	"
I. T. Copper,	"	Phillip Klohr,	"
William H. Watters,	"	Mat Miller,	"
I. Herber,	"	W. D. Matlock,	"
Earl Barker,	"	T. J. Morrison,	"
E. H. Slover,	"	H. S. McBride,	"
W. J. Thomas,	"	Charles Tillotson,	"
C. W. Twitchell,	"	John Kirchgraber,	"
C. G. Mac,	"	W. J. Tate,	"
Newton Gibbs, Jr.,	"	D. P. Rose,	"
H. Place,	"	Horace S. Clark.	"

The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by its Grand Master, George C. Rankin, and its Grand Secretary, James R. Miller, and by its Board of Trustees of its Old Folks' Home, Charles F. Mansfield, Henry Phillips, W. R. Jewell, Henry A. Stone and Julius H. Raible, in token of the acceptance by said Grand Lodge and said Board of Trustees of the conveyance above made and delivered, and of the foregoing agreements, consideration and bond, have hereunto affixed, by said Grand Master and Grand Secretary and corporate seal, the name of said Grand Lodge, and its Board of Trustees of its Old Folks' Home, by their respective signatures.

Done at the City of Springfield, this 31st day of August, A. D. 1897.

GEORGE C. RANKIN, Grand Master.
JAMES R. MILLER, Grand Secretary.
[Grand Lodge Seal.] CHARLES F. MANSFIELD.
HENRY PHILLIPS.
JULIUS H. RAIBLE.
W. R. JEWELL.

CLAY CITY.

To the Board of Trustees, Old Folks' Home:

GENTLEMEN: In asking you to locate the Old Folks' Home in our midst, we do so, believing that we offer you a site unsurpassed in the State, and unequaled in the "Fruit Belt."

We tender you, free of cost, two hundred (200) acres of land, fertile, unbroken, rolling, but one-eighth of a mile from the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, and but one-fourth of a mile from the village of Clay City, and in the county which contains more acres of apple orchards, than any county in the State. There are orchards in Clay county which have paid their owners more profit than any orange grove in America. Small fruits, especially strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries and currants, grow to perfection here.

The land we propose to donate is all located in section twenty (20), township three (3) north, range eight (8) east of the third principal meridian, and contains one hundred and ninety (190) acres. It has an elevation of about eighty feet above the general level, and presents an unbroken surface, sloping to the north, south and west.

It contains forty (40) acres of timber, ample for all building requirements, and with but little work would make one of the loveliest groves in this state. A more beautiful site for the main building of the Home could not be found anywhere.

The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, which skirts the northern limit of the proposed site, is one of the greatest railroad systems of America, connecting us directly with St. Louis on the west, and Cincinnati, Louisville, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington and New York on the east. In addition to this, we are assured, and you will be, that if the Home is located here, that the Chicago and northern markets will be opened to us. The B. & O. S.-W. R. R. agrees to put fruits shipped in the evening on the Chicago market early the next morning.

We are located but one hundred and one miles from St. Louis, two hundred and thirty-seven (237) miles from Cincinnati, and two hundred and fifty (250) miles from Chicago.

The proposed site is but five-eighths of a mile from the Little Wabash river, which affords an abundance of running water all the year. There is also a spring on the premises that never dries.

The elevation above the surrounding country, and the branch or ravine which skirts the tract, give a natural and perfect drainage.

We have no electric light plant. There is an abundance of land adjoining which can be bought at a very reasonable price, should future occasion ever require, which, taken with the beautiful view commanded by the site, its proximity to one of the State's best streams,

its location on the great B. & O. S.-W. system, our unequaled climate and the adaptability of our soil to fruit growing, we believe makes our location the ideal site for the Old Folks' Home, and we might add that Sailor Springs, the greatest health resort in the state, is but five miles north of the site.

CLAY CITY, ILL., Feb. 23, 1897.

To the Board of Trustees, Old Folks' Home:

GENTLEMEN: We, the undersigned Citizens of Clay City, hereby petition the Board of Trustees to locate the Old Folks' Home at Clay City, and as an inducement therefor offer one hundred and ninety acres of land, well adapted for fruit, water, etc. We will furnish an abstract showing a clear title in fee to land, and convey in fee simple by warantee deed to the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home.

The value of the land donated, at a fair cash value, is worth $9,000. Have options on two hundred and sixty (260) acres of land adjacent, at an average price of $45 per acre. Options run six to twelve months in writing. We, the undersigned, guarantee that the above proposition will be faithfully kept if accepted. All correspondence for further information shall be conducted with F. M. Chaffin, Cashier of Clay City Banking Co.

J. T. EVANS,
S. HOLMAN, Merchant,
E. MCGILTON, Attorney,
JAMES E. MCILVAIN,
S. H. SCUDDER,
W. H. LOY,
ANTHONY DOHERTY,
ISRAEL MILLS,
FRANK M. CHAFFIN,
C. D. LINGENFELTER,
L. BLESSING,
MORRIS BRISSENDEN,
C. D. DUFF,
JOHN G. MCCAWLEY.

ADDITIONAL OFFER.

CLAY CITY, ILL., June 3, 1897.

To the Board of Trustees of the Old Folks' Home:

In addition to the proposition previously submitted to your Honorable Body for the location of the Old Folks' Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows at Clay City, Illinois, we beg to submit the following:

First. We offer you the forty acres, known as D. Whelan's, and situated northeast quarter, northeast quarter of section 20, town 3, range 8, in addition to the one hundred and ninety acres now offered in the same section. Signed by

ISRAEL MILLS,
MORRIS BRISSENDEN,
J. K. BOTHWELL,
C. L. FELDWEG,
J. G. MCCAWLEY,
J. I. MCCAWLEY,
L. BLESSING,
W. W. MANKER,
C. W. HOPKINS,
S. HOLMAN.

In addition to the above, we have 100 days' labor subscribed by part mechanics, and a fair prospect of getting more labor subscribed.

CLAY CITY, ILL., June 4, 1897.

W. R. Jewell, Esq., Danville, Ill.:

DEAR SIR: We neglected to add to our proposition the five acres donation for Cemetery, if the Trustees should see fit to locate Cemetery where ground was offered. This is official and is guaranteed by,

Yours,

JOHN G. MCCAWLEY.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, June 7, 1897.

W. R. Jewell, Sec'y, Danville, Ill.:

DEAR SIR: Regarding the Odd Fellows Home, at Clay City, Ill., I beg to advise that in connection with the propositions made you by the citizens of that place, that to enable you to make your home a success if located there, we will run a switch from our main track into your ground, so that you can load and unload any shipments you may wish to make in car-loads. We will also transport such material as you may require for the building of your home and the cottages at 50 per cent. of the regular rates that would apply on our road. Farther than this, if you will make connection with our water tank from your buildings, we will pump the water for one year free of cost, and thereafter at the actual cost it would be to us for such service. This would create a great saving to you in time, and could be done by us very cheaply.

I am further convinced, from conversations I have had with Clay City people, that we can furnish gravel at such a rate delivered on the ground at Clay City that the roads leading around your property would all be graveled. We are anxious to make this home a success, and you will find our line at all times disposed to do everything in their power in connection with your Order to carry out your plans.

Hoping that with the liberal donations that the Clay City people have made you, you will find this the location, I remain,

Yours very truly,

H. A. TRENDLEY,

Special Agent, B. & O. S.-W. R. R.

VANDALIA.

VANDALIA, ILL., Feb. 26, 1897.

To the Board of Trustees of the Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, Decatur, Ill.:

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned committee, appointed at a meeting of the citizens of Vandalia, Fayette County, Ill., to solicit subscriptions to a fund to induce the location of the Old Folks' Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows at or near Vandalia, respectfully

represent that they have secured subscriptions to the amount of $2,500, and believe they can reach $3,000 or more in a short time for that purpose.

They further represent that excellent farms of one hundred or more acres, suitable for the Home, and situated within a radius of two miles of Vandalia, can be purchased at from $25 to $50 per acre, and options can be had on as much as may be desired;

That some of these farms have springs of living water, others have small lakes, and all are good tillable and productive lands, the soil being either clay and loam, or what is known as black hickory or mulatto. That both soil and climate in this locality are peculiarly well adapted to the raising of all kinds of fruits and vegetables common to Illinois;

That timber, water and fuel can be found in great abundance, water being never failing;

That Vandalia has railroad facilities excelled by few towns of like size in the State, being at the crossing of the Illinois Central and Vandalia lines, and within easy reach of the great markets of the Northwest;

That the intelligence, hospitality and sociability of our people will compare favorably with any in the State. Our schools are of the best. That while our citizens are not financially able to offer as large a bonus as some other cities, they are in hearty sympathy with the movement, and are anxious for the location of the Home here.

Finally, the committee pray the careful consideration of their application for the location of the Home at or near Vandalia, and respectfully request a visit from the Board of Trustees, or a committee selected for that purpose, to Vandalia, and a careful consideration of the advantages we have to offer.

Believing that the Board will not consider the money or land value of a donation, so much as the superiority of location, and other advantages, we remain,

Yours truly,

T. N. Lakin,
C. G. Sonnemann, P. N. G.
James S. Evans.

Vandalia, Ill., June 3, 1897.

To the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, and their Wives, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois:

The City of Vandalia herewith presents her reasons for asking you to locate said Home at Vandalia, Ill., and asks your careful consideration of the same.

The members of your committee, having been kind enough to visit our city, know something of our people and our institutions, both public and private.

You have also visited the different sites which we think fitted for such a Home, hence we need not say anything about how kind Nature has been to us; how she has builded hills and vales for us, and painted them in beauty, for you have climbed these same hills and "viewed the landscape o'er." We are willing that these mute hills and vales shall plead their own cause, and only ask that you give ear to Nature's voice.

We desire to say this: Vandalia is situated on a high bluff on the west bank of the Kaskaskia river. The site we shall offer you is located just south of the south line of the corporate limits of the city, and the highest point of the same is one hundred and ninety-two feet above the crossing of the Illinois Central Railroad and Gallatin Street, the main street of the city. The government at one time maintained on said hill an observatory, claiming it to be the highest point in Illinois, on the line of the Vandalia Railroad.

So high is it that the naked eye can view the surrounding country in any direction, as far as vision will reach.

Within two or three hundred feet of the highest point of this elevation, three springs are situated on the hill-side, which furnish a bountiful supply of pure water. This water, lifted to the surface of the hill, need only to be piped from thence to any part of the two hundred and over acres we offer, and nature will then cause it to form fountains, pools, watering troughs, artificial springs, irrigation, or anything that the most expensive waterworks could supply.

The location is such that perfect drainage may be had at comparatively no expense.

As to our climate and soil, we make no boast, but ask that you investigate; weigh us in the balance, and we believe we will be found not wanting. We are in the great fruit belt of Illinois.

VANDALIA'S SECOND PROPOSITION.

In consideration of the location of the Home for the Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, and their Wives, in Vandalia, Ill., we offer the following donations:

Our citizens have generously contributed for the purpose of securing a site for said Home, and this subscription is sufficient to enable us to offer you either of the following locations, as shown by plat hereto attached.

First. We offer you the Sturgess property, the Wagner property, and the Walton property, containing about two hundred and ten (210) acres; or,

Second. We offer you the Sturgess property, and the Capps property, consisting of about one hundred and eighty-five acres.

Third. The city of Vandalia will extend its electric light lines to said Home, and maintain the line and street lights free. The power plant of the company is sufficiently large to furnish the Home with all lights that may be required.

Fourth. The Illinois Central Railroad and Vandalia Lines will deliver at Vandalia, Illinois, all materials used in the construction of said Home, that pass over their respective lines, for one-half their regular freight charge.

We further promise to secure from our railroads as liberal rates for the transportation of material used, and transportation for Trustees, as can be secured by any other city in the State of Illinois.

We are not able to offer you as liberal inducements and as large a bonus as other cities, but you are seeking to brighten and make easy the declining years of your worthy brothers and sisters. Money alone cannot do this. Give us the Home, and we are sure that your brethren will in the future commend your judgment, and your old folks will revere your memory.

You will find our people kind, generous and indulgent, and you will never have cause to regret the decision by you made.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the City of Vandalia.

T. N. Lakin,
James S. Evans,
C. G. Sonnemann,
G. F. Turner,
J. J. Brown,
George A. A. Dieckmann,
W. M. Fogler,
Committee for City of Vandalia.

OLNEY.

Olney, Ill., Feb. 23, 1897.

Trustees I. O. O. F. Old Folks' Home:

Gentlemen: For the purpose of securing the location of the I. O. O. F. Old Folks' Home at Olney, Ill., we submit the following propositions:

From eighty to one hundred and twenty acres of land situated in and about the City of Olney have been offered to us for such purpose by different citizens of said locality—the number of acres to be governed by your selection, and no proposition contains less than eighty acres and none more than one hundred and twenty acres. In connection with some of these propositions, we can offer you an option on

adjoining lands at from $35 to $50 per acre. The title of these lands, or any one of them, will be by warranty deed, and free from incumbrance.

None of the lands offered being more than one and one-half miles from the center of the town. Some being just inside and some just outside of the corporate limits.

Site Number One—Lies one-half mile north of the city park, and is high, rolling land, and adapted to all kinds of fruit, and is in a high state of cultivation and adjoining several large orchards, one hundred and twenty acres. An option on one hundred and eighty acres more adjoining can be obtained at a very reasonable price.

Site Number Two.—One hundred and forty acres of land, being three-fourths of a mile north and south, and one fourth of a mile east and west, and lying inside the corporation southwest of the city.

Site Number Three.—One hundred acres one-fourth of a mile south, and on the west line of the corporation; good buildings and rich arable land, good fruit land, rolling and picturesque.

Site Number Four.—One hundred acres with thirty acres of orchard, twenty acres bearing, and ten acres five years old, all choice fruit, good buildings and out-buildings, wells, etc.

Site Number Five.—One hundred acres one-half mile east of the corporate limits, thirty acres bearing orchard, besides several acres of quinces and peaches, all choice fruit. Good land, level, easily drained, touches the B. & O. S.-W. Railway at the south.

Site Number Six.—Opposite the last-mentioned tract north of the Vincennes and St. Louis State road, ninety-seven acres; in a high state of cultivation; fifteen acres bearing orchard; magnificent buildings and out-buildings, wells, cisterns and other adjuncts of a good farm.

Adjoining all these lands options on other lands can be obtained at from $40 to $50 per acre. The best of water can be obtained in unlimited quantities at from 18 to 22 feet, upon all of these sites, and the city water can be piped to several of them at a very moderate expense. No locality can offer better soil for the raising of fruits and vegetables than can be found on these lands offered, and the facilities for getting the products into market are of the best. We have direct communication with Chicago, Peoria, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville, also Evansville and the points south. Packages of fruit shipped from this point in the evening reach the Chicago or Peoria markets within ten hours, and are in good shape for the early morning market. We have the best of hard lumber for framing timber, and the same can be bought for prices which will not bear competition, and which very materially reduces the expense in building operations. The very best hard-wood

fuel can be purchased at from $1.75 to $2.00 per cord, and coal is shipped in from not less than six competing points within forty miles of us; hence can be bought at the lowest prices.

Olney has one of the finest libraries in this part of the State, consisting of several thousand volumes. This library is free to those living in and about Olney. Many persons would find this a great pleasure to their declining years, as a free reading-room is open, containing all the current magazines and newspapers.

JAMES E. WHARF, Chairman.
W. D. FOSTER,
SAM J. BAKER,
ED S. WILSON,
J. C. HOWARD,
C. S. MACE,
Committee on Real Estate.

OLNEY, ILL., Feb. 23, 1897.

Trustees of I. O. O. F. Old Folks' Home:

BROTHERS: The citizens of Olney, Ill., having submitted to you, through their committee, certain propositions looking toward securing the location of the proposed Old Folks' Home at Olney, it is our pleasure to further add, as an inducement to your Honorable Board of Trustees to locate the Home here, a cash donation from Richland Lodge No. 180, I. O. O. F., and we hereby pledge to you one thousand dollars in money in the event of the Old Folks' Home being located at Olney.

Done by authority of Richland Lodge No. 180, at
[SEAL] its regular meeting, Feb. 23, 1897.

M. M. LEVERING, N. G.
SAM J. BAKER, Secretary.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED AT MATTOON, ILLINOIS.

OLNEY, ILL., July 30, 1897.

To Judge H. Phillips, Old Folks' Home Com.:

Ed Wilson not home. I am authorized to say that if two thousand dollars additional will secure the Home it will be paid, if your Committee will give us time to make the guarantee.

H. H. KINGSBERRY.

MONMOUTH.

MONMOUTH, ILL.

To the Board of Trustees of the Old Folks' Home of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN: In order to induce the location of the Old Folks' Home of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois at or in the vicinity of the City of Monmouth, in the County of Warren and State of Illinois, we make to you the following proposition:

First. We will pay to you in cash, within such reasonable time, or upon payments as you may direct, the sum of twelve thousand ($12,000.00) dollars in cash, conditioned upon the location of said Home at the City of Monmouth, or at any point within two miles of said city, the location to be selected by your Honorable Body, or some one representing it; said payments to be made when satisfactory assurances are given that the said Home will be located and erected at such point.

Second. We will furnish all the aid in our power to secure the purchase of a satisfactory site and necessary grounds at a reasonable price.

Third. If the said Home is located adjacent to the City of Monmouth, where it can be reached by the water service of said city, we will guarantee that the water mains of said city will be extended to the grounds of said Home, free of cost to you. We will hold ourselves in readiness to give such additional information in regard to this city as you may desire at any time. Trusting that the above proposition may be satisfactory to you, and that you may see your way clear to locate the said Home at the City of Monmouth, or in the vicinity, we remain, Yours respectfully,

R. LAHANN,
L. A. WARNER,
W. A. SAWYER,
J. T. HARTMAN,
D. D. DUNKLE,
W. W. BROOKS,
A. DUNN.

SECOND PROPOSITION OF MONMOUTH.

To the Board of Trustees, Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home:

GENTLEMEN: Upon consultation with our committee, we have deemed it advisable, instead of offering a site, to put our offer in cash, and allow you to make your own selection of a site, we furnishing you such aid as we can in enabling you to buy the property at what it is reasonably worth; and in a competition between several sites enabling you to buy the property at its market value.

We, therefore, on behalf of the citizens of Monmouth, offer you a bonus of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) in cash, payable in such time and upon such terms as may be agreed upon, but in not less than four equal annual installments, except as to such sums as the subscribers may desire the option of paying earlier—the same to be paid without interest.

The said home to be located within one mile of the limits of the City of Monmouth. We inclose you with this proposition options upon several tracts of land which you saw when here. We have no option upon the Harding tract east of the city, for the reason that Mr. Harding

is absent in Minnesota, and we are unable to get it; but you know what his proposition is, and he is a man who will stand to any proposition he makes. The proposition we have, as you know, but not in shape of an option. We also inclose you a map, showing the location of some of these proposed sites. The bonus will not only buy the site, but will leave a margin over and above.

In the event of the selection of the Harding site, we will endeavor to have the city gas, city water and the electric light facilities extended to the front of that site; and the sewer extended to the city limits; and have no doubt we would be able to accomplish this. The same might be accomplished as to the Patterson land without difficulty. We do not desire to make any proposition except what we know can be made good. The propositions from the railroad companies you know, and it is useless to repeat them here. The C., B. & Q. and the Iowa Central R. R. Companies, both make the same propositions, viz: that which was made to you when here.

It is useless for us to speak farther as to the desirability of the several sites, since you have looked over the ground.

If it is the desire of your Board to locate in a fertile, healthy section, with abundance of crops, abundance of fruit, good society, good educational facilities, good water, and everything which would tend to add convenience and comfort and plenty for your Home, we feel justified in saying that none better can be found than the vicinity of the City of Monmouth.

R. LAHANN,
W. A. SAWYER,
J. T. HARTMAN,
S. S. HALLAM,
D. D. DUNKLE,
PEYTON ROBERTS,
W. W. BROOKS.

SHELBYVILLE.

SHELBYVILLE, ILL., February 24, 1897.

Mr. W. R. Jewell, Secretary of the Locating Committee of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, Danville, Ill.:

DEAR SIR: The citizens of Shelbyville wish to compete for the location of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, and they are prepared to offer you very substantial inducements to locate near Shelbyville.

We desire later, before the Committee shall act, to have the Committee visit our town, giving us notice in advance when they will be here, and to show them site or sites that we think will be very desirable for that purpose. We are prepared now to offer you ten thousand three hundred and forty dollars, which at present is in

shape of subscription, but can, whenever the Committee desire, be put in shape to be guaranteed as the Committee might choose. We believe we can offer the Committee a body of land about two hundred acres joining the City of Shelbyville, upon which there is now standing a fine brick building with ten or twelve rooms in good repair, and commodious, comparatively, out-buildings, situated upon one of our principal roads into the city and in sight of our two railroads, having one of the finest views in this portion of the State, probably equal to that of any other that may come to the knowledge of the Committee. This land is bounded on one side by the Kaskaskia river, which is a beautiful stream, furnishing ample water for the city and pure ice for the use of the citizens and excellent fishing, and might be utilized in the way of making a fine boating place. The house on this land is of brick and would be a fair start toward making a commodious home. The land is suitable for any kind of farming, but perhaps would be best used for small fruits or orchard and pasturage, which we suppose, perhaps, would be needed for the Home. There are two or three small coal mines, coal being found here at the depth of eighty feet, which would be a source of continuous income and at no considerable expense. The location of the land is such that the drainage would be absolutely perfect without interfering with any other landowner. If either of these propositions or suggestions meets the idea of the Committee, we will be glad to place them in such form as the Committee may desire and make it tangible. The land for the purpose mentioned we would regard worth in the neighborhood of fifteen thousand dollars. We can furnish other sites of less land, and make proposition to give one hundred acres, or in that neighborhood, and a money donation of five thousand dollars ($5,000). We should desire before the Committee act upon the subject of location of the institution to furnish them with full information about our city and county, its railroad facilities, its healthfulness, and other matters that would naturally be subject to investigation by the Committee locating a Home such as the one under consideration.

Awaiting your further action in the matter,

We are respectfully yours,

J. C. WESTERVELT, Mayor.
J. W. YANTIS,
GEORGE D. CHAFEE.

ALHAMBRA.

ALHAMBRA, ILL., Feb. 24, 1897.

To the Honorable Committee of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home:

GENTLEMEN: We, the Committee, will respectfully submit the following proposition in order to secure the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home at this place:

We have an option on five hundred (500) acres of good farming land in one tract, lying adjoining the city limits, partly inside corporation line, and less than one-fourth of a mile from both depots—the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City R. R., and the St. Louis, Peoria & Northern Railroad. This land's cash value is estimated at $65.00 per acre; at our option this land can be secured at $50.00 per acre—perhaps less. There are several improvements on this land, including two dwellings, two good barns, two large young orchards under good fence.

In addition to the above, we will offer a cash bonus of seven thousand (7,000) dollars.

Our railroad facilities are first-class. The Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City R. R. gives us direct connections, Toledo to St. Louis, Mo., the two best markets of our country.

The St. Louis, Peoria & Northern R'y runs from St. Louis, Mo., to Springfield, Ill., and is now under construction from Springfield north, through Pekin, Peoria, to Clinton, Iowa.

Our city has no water works, but has an abundance of good spring water, and a plant could be erected at a very reasonable figure of cost.

Land is nice, level, and has the best drainage that could be desired.

Health and climate unequaled by any part of the State.

We believe it to be a first-class location for fruit raising; any kind of fruit usually grown in Illinois. Our city shipped fifteen thousand (15,000) barrels of apples last season, besides equal amount was made into cider.

We are located 32 miles from St. Louis, Mo.; twelve miles from county seat of Madison county—Edwardsville; four hundred and nineteen (419) miles from Toledo, Ohio; seventy miles due south of Springfield, Ill. Address all correspondence to L. G. Schien, Alhambra, Ill.

Respectfully submitted.

L. G. Schien,
W. C. Lowry,
Wm. Jageman,
C. E. Harnsberger,
L. Beckman, Jr.

ST. ELMO.

St. Elmo, Ill.

To the Committee on Location, Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home:

The City of St. Elmo, Ill., being located twelve (12) miles east of Vandalia, in Fayette county, on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad, the latter better known as the Vandalia Line, and its citizens being desirous of obtaining the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home at this place, submit the following statement and summary for the use of the Trustees to aid in determining the location of the Home:

St. Elmo has the most advantageous location for fruit growing in the central part of the State, there being shipped this year from within thirty miles of this place one hundred and three (103) car loads of strawberries alone, which averaged a net revenue to the shippers of over eight hundred dollars ($800) per car, and within five miles of this place the growers received forty-two hundred dollars ($4,200) net, off of ten acres in berries.

The apples and peaches are a numerous and diversified crop in this locality, as well as all other small fruits and vegetables, and the excellency of the climate and adaptability of the soil for fruit raising in this immediate vicinity can not be surpassed.

As to train service, we have fourteen (14) daily trains making regular stops at this point.

As to water, we have a well upon the farm offered for the location of the Home thirty-eight feet deep which has been dug and walled eleven years, and at no time during that period, winter or summer, has the water ceased to flow over the top. Attached to this well is a system of water works furnishing the place with an ample supply of water. The well is sufficient to supply water for 1,500 to 2,000 inhabitants. In addition to that, we have in our city a bored well some five hundred (500) feet deep, which was tested in January of this year by the C. & E. I. R. R. Co., and threw a one and one-half inch stream at the rate of 52 gallons per minute without the least indication of a decreasing water supply.

As to drainage of our city and the site offered, we respectfully refer your Committee to the blue print and profile furnished for your Secretary, which shows the drainage on the north side of the farm, running in a westward direction, a fall of 32 feet 2 inches in a distance of one-half mile, and on the south side in the same distance shows a fall in the drainage of 25 feet, which insures you perfect drainage and makes it a nice rolling body of prairie land of two hundred and fourteen (214) acres, lying adjacent to the City of St. Elmo against the south corporation line, and located upon the National Road built by the United States Government many years ago, which road is equal to any pike or boulevard in the cities for driving purposes.

Our city is supplied with a splendid, new and complete Electric Light system, furnishing Arc lights for the streets and Incandescent lights for business and private purposes, which the owners will extend to the site and furnish your Trustees with ten (10) Arc lights free on their streets for a period of ten (10) years, and the system will be in operation from dusk till day-light.

We also have the long-distance telephone, which gives us connection by telephone with St. Louis, Chicago, Indianapolis, New York, and all of the principal cities of the United States, east and south.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSITION.

Certified check for	$10,000.00
214 acres of land at $60 per acre	12,840.00
Mr. F. Oswold, of Alhambra, Ill., will draw plans and specifications free of charge to your Committee, which will equal.	1,500.00
Ten (10) Arc lights on the streets of your site free for ten years, worth $80 per year each and for ten years	8,000.00
Water works already on site, which makes a saving to your Committee of about	5,000.00
Rebates of one-half on all freights shipped while erecting buildings and beautifying grounds	3,000.00
We guarantee a switch from C. & E. I. track on the site, which will save on hauling material	2,500.00
We guarantee coal at $1 per ton f. o. b. tracks, site, for a period of ten (10) years, which will save your Committee 50 cents per ton on about 1,200 tons per year, or in ten years.	6,000.00
We have also arranged for annual passes for your five Trustees during erection of buildings for period of two years, which would save you about	1,000.00
Additional saving on hauling coal by having side-track on site, of 25 cents per ton, making about	3,000.00
Total amount of donations and savings	$52,840.00

We will guarantee building material for the construction of buildings, if located at St. Elmo, Ill., at the following figures, f. o. b. cars at that place, viz:

Rubble rock	$1.10 per yd.
Hand-made brick	3.75 per M.
Pressed brick	5.00 per M.
Louisville cement	.85 per bbl.
Lime	.65 per bbl.
Sand	.75 per yd.

B. F. JOHNSON,
G. A. BARBEE,
R. KELLY,
Committee.

MT. VERNON.

MT. VERNON, ILL., February 23, 1897.

W. R. Jewell, Secretary:

DEAR SIR: The beautiful City of Mt. Vernon, Ill., with seven thousand inhabitants, located in the center of Southern Illinois, is an applicant for the Old Folks' Home of the I. O. O. F., to be located by your Honorable Board of Trustees.

Mt. Vernon has an inexhaustible supply of water, with first-class water supply machinery, that would be available to any land near the

city that we might offer the Locating Committee. We also have an excellent electric light plant, that would furnish ample all-night service for both arc and incandescent lights at a very reasonable price. We have about a four-hundred-ton capacity coal mine, that would furnish all coal wanted at reasonable prices. They are now selling slack at $1.00 per load, nut coal at 5 cents, and lump coal at 6 cents, while large consumers get much better rates.

We have five leading railroads running into our city, viz: Louisville & Nashville Railroad from St. Louis to Nashville, Tenn.; the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis (Air Line) Railroad, touching all towns east and west of us; the Jacksonville Railroad comes to us from all towns northwest of us; the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad reaches us from the north and south and also from Chicago and the northeast part of the State, while the Wabash, Chester & Western Railroad comes to us from all towns in the southwestern part of the State, with a good prospect of being extended from Mt. Vernon to Terre Haute the coming summer, so your Commitiee will see that we are connected with railroads from all parts of the State, and, outside of Chicago, it would be hard to find a city with better transportation facilities than Mt. Vernon.

Our best business men, as well as all our citizens, have become interested in the Home. We have not selected any definite piece of land, but we have secured options on three or four suitable places, and thought best to let the Committee make their own selection.

We have one farm of three hundred acres, that can be purchased for $50 per acre, that we think the Committee would readily see the advantages of, that runs up to the city, is one-fourth of a mile from the water works, one-half mile from electric light plant, the nearest light being about two blocks from land. We have another farm of one hundred and sixty acres three-fourths of a mile further out, that can be bought for $30 per acre. Both of these places have the usual improvements. We have other places where the land is cheaper, but the advantages are less in proportion.

We can guarantee $5,000 in money, and perhaps more. We could get $500 to $1,000 in labor subscriptions, if the Committee could use them; it would be mostly skilled labor. Labor is very cheap in our city, and at present a great deal of it is idle.

We have about eight miles of paved streets and granitoid pavements in our city. We have good schools and churches, and our hotels are said to be above the average; our streets are all lined with beauful shade-trees, and in the summer season show to good advantage. Our land is well adapted to fruit and garden culture, and the last few years our farmers have put out large acreages of berries and small fruits, which they find are very profitable to them. We give your Committee a very cordial invitation to visit our city before you locate

the Home, and inspect our advantages for yourselves. If you decide to come, will you kindly let us know date of your coming, so we can provide a committee to escort you around the city to see our lands and advantages?

Very truly yours,
G. F. M. WARD, President of Committee.
J. LEE CROWDER, Secretary.

FAIRFIELD.

FAIRFIELD, ILL., February 17, 1897.

To the Board of Trustees of the Old Folks' Home:

GENTLEMEN—We, the committee selected by the citizens of Wayne County, Illinois, to represent them in the following matter, agree to present you a farm of not less than one hundred and twenty acres nor more than three hundred and twenty acres, subject to items below.

The "Old Folks' Home" shall be located in Wayne County, and the specific farm selected from the list presented you on your arrival by this committee. On your decision we will transfer same to you by warranty deed, free from incumbrance.

We have an option for this purpose on twelve good farms, ranging in acreage as above. The difference in acreage is explained by the fact that some adjoin the city limits with better improvements, while none exceed three miles from said limits.

We can and will obtain for you option on adjoining land, in most cases for very reasonable prices as regards the actual value, in case you desire more than our donation.

Farms mentioned are arable, rolling and of good drainage, producing fruits of all kinds, indigenous grain and grasses.

Water in plenty on each farm, from either flowing springs or wells of pure, soft water, at depth not to exceed twenty feet in most cases.

Fuel in profusion, either on farms mentioned or adjacent thereto, at less expense for that account than you can figure elsewhere.

Wayne County took first premium at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, on apples, and we produce the very best peaches.

We have the finest pear orchards in America outside of California. Our small fruits, such as currants, gooseberries, grapes, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, plums, cherries and apricots are a native growth, and the improved varieties of these fruits and berries are in nearly every garden, and are cultivated with great success by our fruit and berry growers.

Watermelons, cantaloupes, squashes, turnips, tomatoes, potatoes (Irish and sweet), cabbage, onions, celery, peas, beans, lettuce and radishes, are grown in profusion in almost every garden, and mature from four to six weeks earlier in the season than in Central or Northern Illinois.

The winter here is short, and the late, mild autumn allows the maturing of two crops of most vegetables—the temperature being from 12 to 16 degrees higher in winter than in the Central or Northern part of the State, and the summers not so oppressive. (See State statistics.)

Wayne County has 460,000 acres of land, one-third being prairie, one-third undulating timber, and the other what is known as a portion of the "Wabash River Bottom." The production of corn on the same has given us the appellation of "Egypt." Fairfield, being the central point, is known as the "Capital."

A line drawn due east from the Eads Bridge, eighty-four miles long, touches Wayne County, which is 24 by 30 miles in size.

Crossed, with point of intersection at Fairfield, by the Baltimore & Ohio S.-W. Railway and the (Air Line) Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railway, same being competing lines in all respects.

Our markets are St. Louis on the west, Louisville and Evansville south, Chicago north, and Cincinnati east, with Nashville and Memphis for our best markets for our apples and hay.

We have 2,000 acres of commercial apple orchards in our county, and our earnings from them this year promise to exceed $100,000. The care and gathering of the crop will furnish employment to the members of the Home desiring to so engage, to an extent that will prove comfortable.

School system of the best, with one hundred and fifty-three (153) school-houses, painted white, in full operation. Hayward Collegiate Institute is a college any city should be proud of, and is a pleasure to us and the surrounding counties as an institution with a corps of instructors graduates from Princeton and like eastern places.

We have a healthy county, the rolling lands forming a system of drainage that cannot be surpassed. The two rivers in outlet into the Ohio, with the tributaries flowing to them, enable us to get rid of our superfluous water.

Fairfield is the county-seat, and a busy place of three thousand inhabitants—live, active folks.

Our woolen mill, with 211 looms, is a substantial building of brick, that in full operation employs over 200 hands.

Wayne county, this year, pays her last debt, and has a neat income from a low tax on low valuations.

Our new court-house, jail, sheriff's residence and school-house in the city are all paid for.

An electric franchise has just been granted by our city council, and our reservoir for our city water works has been dug and is owned by some of our best citizens.

We have not had a saloon in Fairfield for more than thirty years.

We are anxious to have you locate the "Old Folks' Home" with us, and hope you will accept our hospitality for a day or so, giving us an opportunity of showing you the farms we offer, and believe, with a critical eye on the sites, you will coincide with us that Wayne county offers superior inducements for the location of your institution.

We trust you will put Fairfield on the list of the places to be visited by your Board, and we will take pleasure in showing you the farms referred to, and, also, all points of interest here connected with the desirability of this county as a place of location for the "Old Folks' Home." If you will defer your visit until the early spring, you will better appreciate our resources as a fruit and vegetable region.

C. C. Boggs, Chairman,
E. E. Crebs, Secretary,
Joint Committee of Citizens and Odd Fellows.

ALTON.

Alton, Ill., February 24, 1897.

The Citizens of Alton to the Honorable Board of Directors I. O. O. F. Old Folks' Home, Greeting:

Gentlemen: In a recent communication to you we set forth specifically the advantages and attractions of our city as a suitable place for the location of your Old Folks' Home. We now have to say further that our citizens have so interested themselves in this enterprise as to thoroughly canvass the matter, and have, through their committee, this additional communication and proposition to make to your Honorable Board:

We have secured options on adjoining tracts amounting to one hundred and fifty (150) acres just outside the city limits and in close proximity to the water pipe, arc and incandescent electric light, and electric railway lines.

The ground is admirably adapted for subdivision, as well as for raising all the products of the farm, orchard and garden known to the great horticultural belt of the State of Illinois, of which our city is the center, and is but one and one-half miles over macadam roads and paved streets to the freight depots and river levee.

There is also an unlimited stretch of farm and pasture land to the north of the tract, which can be had at the prevailing price for farm lands in this section.

If desired by your Board, one hundred acres of the land above mentioned can be annexed to the City of Alton, and thereby secure for yourselves the benefits of police and fire protection and the lighting of your public streets.

Our option on the one-hundred-acre tract is at the rate of one hundred dollars ($100) per acre, and on the fifty-acre tract is at the rate of ninety dollare ($90) per acre, and other options can be had if desired.

We offer you the land at the above-mentioned prices, and will undertake to secure a warranty deed and perfect title at the prices named.

We propose and do hereby offer your Honorable Board, and guarantee the payment of a cash bonus of five thousand dollars ($5,000), for the location and maintenance of your Old Folks' Home on the tract above mentioned, the money to be paid when the deed of the property is delivered to and accepted by your Board.

Alton is known as the home of Odd Fellowship in the State of Illinois and the institution is favorably known to our citizens; therefore we further pledge that our citizens will manifest a generous interest in your institution, and will in every way possible use their influence to secure for your Honorable Board all the privileges possible in the way of municipal benefits as well as shipping and transportation.

In addition to the advantages set forth in our former communication with reference to location, climate, soil, market, shipping and transportation facilities, we wish to further call your attention to our excellent street railway, electric light, electric power and water works service, and that all are now within easy reach of the property offered.

We believe that the members of your Honorable Board fully appreciate the *inestimable value* of good *fire protection* to such a community as you propose to establish, and while other cities may offer a greater cash bonus we know full well that men of experience, such as you are, will count as bonus value the advantages of *free fire protection*, with water for other purposes at low rates: the lighting of your public streets with low rates for commercial and house lighting and electric power; the carrying of your passengers, whether they be inmates of the "Old Folks' Home" or visitors, in street cars running to your gates, the equipment and furnishing of which are the equal if not superior to any other street car equipments in the State.

Pardon the detail of this communication; but we feel that, while you know of the natural advantages of our city, no one can appreciate the superiority of our internal improvements and advantages until he has visited our city and inspected those improvements.

We thank you for your courtesies, and trust that you will see fit to inspect our site at an early date.

Very respectfully submitted.

ROBERT CURDIE, ANTON KREMER,
H. L. WINTER, H. A. WUTZLER,
JOSEPH C. HALL, GEORGE H. COLONIUS.

ALTON, ILL., June 5, 1897.

Honorable Board of Directors, Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home:

GENTLEMEN: Since receiving your permission to amend our former proposition, we have thoroughly canvassed the situation and secured further options on three tracts of land on the bluffs overlooking the valleys of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, which we understood impressed your members favorably.

These tracts are within two miles of our Union Depot, in the circle of water works, electric light and street railway service.

The lands are excellent for farm and garden purposes and are well adapted for subdivision, being only rough enough to guarantee good drainage direct into the Mississippi river.

The Seering tract of one hundred acres lies south of the Union Depot, in the village of Upper Alton. The owner has refused an offer of $300 per acre for this tract, but gives us an option for your purposes at $200 per acre. The tract has over four thousand four-year-old fruit trees in good condition.

The owner also has two hundred acres additional adjoining, which can be had at same price.

The Flannigan tract of one hundred acres lies west of this tract, farther from the Mississippi river, and while it is held at $200 per acre we get an option at $150 per acre for this purpose only.

The Tunner tract of one hundred acres lies north of the Union Depot, and was purchased some four years ago at $150 per acre. Sixty acres of the purchase was subdivided last year, and we are now able to secure option on the remainder at $150 per acre. The major portion of the land which our option covers is the best land in the tract, but is farther from the car line than that subdivided.

In event of your selecting one of the tracts above mentioned, our citizens will pay a bonus of ten thousand dollars for the location of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, and see that you are suppled with water, electric light and street railway service.

Kindly note also that we have placed no fictitious values on the real estate offered.

Hoping that our offer will meet your acceptance, we are,

Very respectfully yours,

JOSEPH F. PORTER,
Secy. Committee.

ALTON, ILL., June 29, 1897.

GENTLEMEN: Through the courtesy of Mr. Raible, we are able to hand you herewith a summary of our proposition looking to the location of your Old Folks' Home in our city.

The proposition is as follows, viz:

Our citizens will pay a cash bonus of $10,000.

On either of the four locations indicated by our committee, we will guarantee good street car facilities.

We will extend the electric light lines and furnish arc lights for the public streets, also water mains and fire protection.

We will extend gas and incandescent electric light mains in order that you may have electric light and gas service for your private buildings at lowest prices.

Inasmuch as the tract indicated drains directly into the Mississippi river, it will not be necessary for us to guarantee sewer privileges.

It will be necessary for our committee, or the companies owning the plant from which service will be had, to expend between forty and sixty thousand dollars, depending on the location chosen, in order to fulfil the above guarantee.

We do not, however, count these matters as a direct bonus to you, but we would request that if you propose giving those items consideration when considering the propositions of other cities, that you will also consider them when our proposition is before you.

We extend to your Honorable Board, together with the lady members, an invitation to hold your next meeting in our city, we to stand the expenses.

We will not at this time go further into a description of the numerous advantages which we claim for our proposition, but will depend upon our being able to prove those advantages, should you deem it advisable to accept our invitation to visit our city.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, we are

Cordially yours,

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE,

J. F. PORTER,

Secretary.

Expense Account.

PAID OUT

Dec. 16, 1896	C. F. Mansfield,	Expense Decatur Meeting.....	$8 36
" " "	Mrs. Catherine Hoefer	" " " (2 trips)	22 80
" " "	Mrs Nellie L. Harris	" " " "	24 30
" " "	Mrs. E. M. Hayden	" " " "	22 25
" " "	Mrs. Jennie A Ticknor	" " " "	26 83
" " "	Henry Phillips	" " "	11 10
" " "	R. W. S. Wheatley	" " "	13 72
" " "	J. H. Raible	" " "	12 20
" " "	Mrs. Irene Reeve	" " "	3 00
" " "	W. R. Jewell	" " "	10 42
Mar. 24, 1897	J. H. Raible	Expense Danville & LaFayette....	24 51
" " "	R. W. S. Wheatley	" " "	35 01
" " "	Nellie L. Harris	" " "	20 20
" " "	C. F. Mansfield (2 trips)	" " "	29 98
" " "	W. R. Jewell	" " " ...	10 00
" " "	Lincoln Payne,	Printing letter heads, etc.....	10 00

Itemized Expense of Meeting from May 10th to May 21st, 1897, Visiting Locations.

June 2, 1897	C. F. Mansfield,	expense, telegrams, etc.....	$3 31
" " "	" "	per diem, eleven days.....	33 00
" " "	Henry Phillips,	expense, telegrams, etc.....	75
" " "	" "	per diem, eleven days.....	33 00
" " "	J. H. Raible,	" " " "	33 00
" " "	W. R. Jewell,	meals, R. R. fare, telegrams, etc.	24 18
" " "	" "	per diem, eleven days.....	33 00
" " "	H. A. Stone,	" " " "	33 00
July 3, 1897	W. R. Jewell,	expenses, etc., meeting Mattoon.	35 60

Expenses of Last Visit of Sites and Meeting to Locate.

July 31, 1897	C. F. Mansfield,	telegrams, expenses	$19 25
" " "	W. R. Jewell,	incidental expenses, party.....	9 25
" " "	" "	postage, books, etc.....	10 00
" " "	" "	expenses of self.....	15 00
" " "	George C. Rankin,	G. M., expenses.....	13 20
" " "	Mrs. J. A. Reeve	"	17 50
" " "	Mrs. Nellie L. Harris	"	17 00
" " "	Mrs. E. M. Hayden	"	16 00
" " "	Mrs. Catherine Hoefer	"	15 00
" " "	J. H. Raible	"	15 00
" " "	H. A. Stone	"	15 00
" " "	Henry Phillips	"	15 00
Aug. 12, 1897	C. F. Mansfield, expenses to meet Judge Phillips at Springfield and visit to Mattoon to close up contract and examination of title, taking deed, survey, and expenses to LaFayette with Building Committee.....		42 70
" " "	Henry Phillips,	expenses same account.....	37 97
" " "	Mrs. Emma Hayden	" to LaFayette.....	15 12
" " "	Mrs. J. A. Reeve	" " "	9 25
" " "	Mrs. Jennie Ticknor	" " "	16 75
			$812 51

MINORITY REPORT.

MR. GEO. C. RANKIN,
Grand Master, I. O. O. F. Illinois,
Monmouth, Ill.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Regarding the location of the Old Folks' Home and the character of the improvements to be placed thereon, as adopted by the majority of the Trustees, the undersigned begs leave to make to you, as Grand Master, and through you to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., a minority report, for the following reasons:

First—The resolution of the Grand Lodge (See Grand Lodge Journal, 1896, pages 216 and 217) predicated on a circular letter previously issued by the Grand Master, C. F. Mansfield, under date of October 20th, 1896, (the one upon which every Lodge in the jurisdiction were instructed to vote and instruct their Representative) provided explicitly that the Old Folks' Home should *be located* on a farm "*in a suitable climate,*" and that the farm purchased for the home "*should be in a locality where fruit growing and gardening is most successful and most prosperous,*" and we find, on securing statements from the State's most eminent horticulturists, that such *fruit growing* cannot be successfully raised in and about Mattoon; hence the location of the Home, as selected by the bare majority of this committee, is not in harmony with the spirit of the resolution giving them the power to select the location.

Secondly—The Grand Lodge resolution referred to, and under which this Board of Trustees was created, stated emphatically "*that upon this farm* there should be *a colony of cottages* of three to four rooms each, with a comfortable dooryard, ample gardens, and room for raising of poultry and

engaging in other kindred pursuits; that upon this farm should be planted orchards, and the raising of small fruit should be carried on upon a sufficient scale," etc., and your committee are of the opinion, after thoroughly investigating and looking over the various Homes, and carefully studying the question from the standpoint of expediency, that the *cottage plan*, as directed in this resolution, is not the best, and that a large building should be put up in lieu thereof. This, however, is simply the opinion of the committee, and without further authority from the Grand Lodge, we, the undersigned, hold that the majority of the Board have no right, power or authority to let a contract for the erection of a large building, or any kind of a building, except *cottages* such as contemplated in the said resolution of last year; and we therefore most earnestly urge that the matter of location, and also the matter of letting contracts for the erection of a building or buildings, be deferred until your Committee of Trustees get further instructions from the Grand Lodge, and such instructions, whatever may be the final conclusions of the Grand Lodge, will be heartily concurred in by the undersigned.

We also urge upon you, as Grand Master, in view of the above facts, and the great importance thereof to our entire jurisdiction, that you, if found necessary, interpose your official authority to so suspend operations until passed upon by the Grand Lodge in session.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY A. STONE, P. G. M.,
Trustee Old Folks' Home, I. O. O. F.

VANDALIA, ILL., Aug. 30, 1897.

Kossuth Lodge Case.

I regret to report that I have been compelled to suspend Kossuth Lodge No. 569 for its neglect and refusal to obey the instructions of the Grand Master, to pay certain benefits due brother Javorski, a member in good standing of said Lodge. The Lodge owed about $200 to members for benefits which it neglected or refused to pay. As it failed to comply with the fundamental principles of Odd Fellowship, I considered that it had no further excuse for existence, but was a reproach and an injury to the Order, and I suspended it, Bro. W. H. Bean acting as my special deputy in the case. Charges and specifications have been filed against the Lodge according to law, and the case will be heard by the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals on Nov. 16.

Grand Secretary.

I desire especially to thank Brother James R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for his cordial, wise and unselfish assistance during the year. His good counsel has been invaluable to me; and with J. H. Sykes, Assistant Grand Secretary, he has freely extended every assistance and courtesy possible. I believe the books and affairs of the office to be in a correct and admirable condition.

Grand Lodge Committees.

I desire to thank the various standing committees of the Grand Lodge for the able and acceptable manner in which they have discharged their duties. Their unselfish and faithful labors merit the thanks of this Grand Body.

Fraternal Journals.

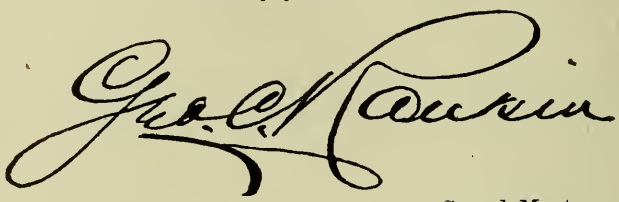
This jurisdiction is honored and blessed with two excellent fraternal journals—the Odd Fellows Herald, published at Springfield by Brothers Miller and Sykes, and the Illinois Odd Fellow, published at Chicago by Brother Humphrey. It would be a benefit to the Order if one or both of these papers were taken and read by every Odd Fellow in the State. I heartily commend them both to the brothers of this jurisdiction.

Conclusion.

I have attempted to prepare this report in a plain matter-of-fact way, without any unnecessary embellishments. I feel grateful to the brothers for the great honor they conferred upon me, and I have earnestly tried to perform my duty to the best of my ability. If I have failed in any particular, I trust the brotherhood will view my

imperfections with charity. My intercourse with the brothers has been of the most pleasant character, and I shall ever hold in grateful remembrance the many kindnesses shown me during the year. Trusting that the Order in this jurisdiction may continue to be blessed in its great work, and wishing each individual member many years of happiness and prosperity, I remain,

Most fraternally yours,



Grand Master.

Monmouth, Ill., Nov. 16, 1897.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., NOV. 16, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

DEAR BROTHERS:—At the close of another year and in obedience to the requirements of the Grand Lodge, I present to you a brief history of the affairs of the Order as connected with the office of Grand Secretary. In my report of one year ago I called attention to the fact that, notwithstanding the depressed financial condition of the country, the Order made a creditable growth, but the statistics for the year ending March 31, 1897, show a decrease in the Subordinate Lodge membership, which occurs for the first time in a long number of years. This is owing to two special causes: first, the difficulty experienced by many of our members to spare from their limited earnings the necessary amount to keep their dues paid up; and, secondly, the rigid enforcement on the part of the Lodge of the law to drop all members who are in arrears. The surprisingly large number of 3,654 dropped in one year from the Subordinate Lodges, and 3,249 from the Rebekah Lodges, would suggest some surprise that the decrease in membership was not greater in the Subordinate, and a greater surprise that there should be any increase in the Rebekah Lodges. The additions to both branches of the Order during the year are the surest evidence of the zeal and fidelity of the membership and the popularity of the Order.

The following is a summary of the returns of the Subordinate Lodges for the year ending March 31, 1897, and of the Rebekah Lodges for the year ending December 31, 1896:

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Year ending March 31, 1897.

Number of Lodges at last report	855
Instituted during the year	17
Surrendered charters	5
Number of Lodges March 31, 1897	867

MEMBERSHIP.

Members at last report		51,720
Initiated	3,506	
Admitted by card	729	
Reinstated	512	4,747
First total		56,467

DEDUCT.

Withdrawn by card	698	
Resigned	37	
Suspended	61	
Dropped for N. P. D	3,654	
Expelled	112	
Deceased	480	
Second total		5,042
Members March 31, 1897		51,425
Number of Past Grands		13,542
Rejected for membership		163
Number of brothers relieved		5,731
Number of weeks' benefits paid		26,459
Number of widowed families relieved		357
Paid for relief of brothers		$94,104 90
Paid for relief of widowed families		4,016 53
Paid for education of orphans		925 19
Paid for special relief		17,820 10
Paid for burying the dead		29,921 08
Total relief		$146,787 80
Total revenue of Lodges		$442,937 13
Receipts for dues		230,580 81
Receipts for initiation		61,692 12
Receipts for interest and rents		107,161 48
Receipts from other sources		43,502 72
Expenditures		399,206 93
Net worth of Lodges		1,694,943 38

REBEKAH LODGES.

Year ending December 31, 1896.

Number of Lodges at last report	414
Instituted during the year	49
Surrendered charters	3
Number of Lodges December 31, 1896	460

MEMBERSHIP.

	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total
Members per last report	9,553	12,256	21,809
Admitted during the past year	1,470	2,876	4,346
First totals	11,023	15,132	26,155

From which deduct:

	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.			
Withdrawn or dropped	1,706	1,543	3,249			
Expelled	23	.....	23			
Deceased	78	108	186			
Second totals	1,807	1,651	3,458	1,807	1,651	3,458
In membership Dec. 31, 1896				9,216	13,481	22,697

Assets last year		$21,354 71
Receipts during the year		34,848 14
Total revenue		$56,202 85
Paid for relief of members	$2,815 04	
Paid for widowed families	1,781 55	
Paid for Lodge expenses	30,292 60	
Total expenses	$34,889 19	$34,889 19
Assets December 31, 1896		$21,313 66

The statistics above show a net loss of 295 members in the Subordinate Lodges, and a net gain of 888 members in the Rebekah Lodges. Warrants have been issued for ten Subordinate and forty-three Rebekah Lodges since the last session of the Grand Lodge, a full report of which will be found in the report of Grand Master Rankin.

INVENTORY OF GRAND LODGE SUPPLIES, MAY 1, 1897.

	Stock on hand Nov. 1, 1896.	Bought.	Total.	Sold.	Stock on hand May 1, 1897.
Cards	2,424	2,700	5,124	3,138	1,986
Rituals	134	3,820	3,954	3,566	388
Odes	3,824	1,200	5,024	1,562	3,462
Book of Odes	99	.....	99	22	77
Degree Charts	17	.....	17	5	12
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	1,017	.....	1,017	73	944
White's Digest	48	.....	48	*11	37
Book of Forms	61	.....	61	†15	46
Diplomas, "Subordinate"	109	.....	109	1	108
Diplomas, "Rebekah"	24	.....	24	.....	24
Veteran Jewels	67	50	117	50	67
Illinois Codes 1881	2	.....	2	.....	2
Supplement to Code	669	.....	669	.....	669
Charters and Borders	280	.....	280	76	204
S. G. L. Journals	16	16	32	‡16	16
Floor Works	413	.....	413	62	351
Insurance Certificates	1	.....	1	1	.....
Grand Lodge Cards	136	.....	136	25	111
Odes With Music	120	.....	120	10	110
Petitions for Membership	6,680	.....	6,680	.....	6,680
Question Book	12	.....	12	7	5
Rebekah Codes	.....	50	50	.....	50
Assembly Floor Work	.....	6	6	.....	6
Official Receipts	.....	92,000	92,000	69,500	22,500

* Four given away.
† One given away.
‡ Given to G. M.

STOCK ON HAND MAY 1, 1897.

Cards	1,986	@	$0.20	$397 20
Rituals	388	"	2.00	776 00
Odes	3,462	"	.03	103 86
Book of Odes	77	"	.50	38 50
Degree Charts	12	"	2.00	24 00
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	944	"	.20	188 80
White's Digest	37	"	2.50	92 50
Book of Forms	46	"	.75	34 50
Diplomas, "Subordinate"	108	"	.50	54 00
Diplomas, "Rebekah"	24	"	.20	4 80
Veteran Jewels	67	"	3.50	234 50
Illinois Codes 1881	2	"	.63	1 26
Supplement to Code	669	"	.43	287 67
Charters and Borders	204	"	.25	51 00
S. G. L. Journals	16	"	1.50	24 00
Floor Work	351	"	.30	105 30
Grand Lodge Cards	111	"	.10	11 10
Odes with Music	110	"	.08	8 80
Petitions for Membership	6,680	"	.½	33 40
Question Books	5	"	1.00	5 00
Rebekah Codes	50	"	.05	2 50
Assembly Floor Work	6	"	.50	3 00
Official Receipts	22,500	"	.2½	562 50
				$3,044 19

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES IN GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE MAY 1, 1897.

1	Hall safe	$100 00
2	Tables	5 00
3	Desks	75 00
1	Letter press	3 00
14	Office chairs	20 00
9	Pigeon-hole cases	225 00
1	Set Grand Lodge Regalia	15 00
1	Grand Lodge Seal	5 00
1	Bust "Father Wildey"	15 00
1	Letter scales	1 00
	Carpets, curtains, etc	75 00
1	Typewriter, Remington No. 2	125 00
1	Bureau	10 00
		$674 00

James R. Miller

Grand Secretary.

BUSINESS STATEMENT

Of purchases and sales by Grand Secretary for six months ending May 1, 1897.

To stock on hand November 1, 1896	$2,796 50	
" bought during six months	10,720 50	
By sale of Cards		$784 50
" Rituals		4,558 75
" Old Rituals to S. G. L. @ $1.00 each		3,458 00
" Odes		78 10
" Book of Odes		14 30
" Degree Charts		11 25
" Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies		18 25
" White's Digests		21 00
" Book of Forms		13 00
" Diplomas, "Subordinate"		75
" Veteran Jewels		200 00
" Floor Works		24 80
" Insurance Certificates		10 00
" Grand Lodge Cards		25 00
" Odes with Music		1 00
" Question Books		10 50
" Official Receipts		2,085 00
" Defunct Lodges		327 51
" New Lodges		516 60
" Grand Lodge Journals		1 75
Stock on hand May 1, 1897		3,718 19
Profit on six months' business	2,361 25	
	$15,878 25	$15,878 25

CASH STATEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING MAY 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Dr.		*Cr.*	
Cards	$784 50	Remitted to Grand Treas. T. B. Needles	$33,486 26
Rituals	4,558 75		
Odes	78 10		
Book of Odes	14 30		
Degree Charts	11 25		
Funeral and Anni. Cer.	18 25		
White's Digest	21 00		
Book of Forms	13 00		
Diplomas	75		
Veteran Jewels	200 00		
New Codes	78 00		
Floor Work	24 80		
Grand Lodge Cards	25 00		
Insurance Certificates	10 00		
New Charters	516 60		
Journals	1 75		
Rebekah Tax	2,353 10		
Defunct Lodges	327 51		
Odes with Music	1 00		
Question Books	10 50		
Old Folks' Home	252 40		
Official Receipts	2,085 00		
Capitation Tax, Sub	22,100 70		
	$33,486 26		$33,486 26

INVENTORY OF GRAND LODGE SUPPLIES NOV. 1, 1897.

	On hand May 1, 1897.	Bought.	Total.	Sold.	On hand Nov. 1, 1897.
Cards	1986	1900	3886	1724	2162
Rituals	388	500	888	443	445
Odes	3462	1000	4462	909	3553
Book of Odes	77	.....	77	11	66
Degree Charts	12	.....	12	4	8
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	944	.....	944	193	751
White's Digest	37	.....	37	*7	30
Book of Forms	46	.....	46	14	32
Diplomas—"Subordinate"	108	.....	108	.....	108
" —"Rebekah"	24	.....	24	.....	24
Veteran Jewels	67	50	117	69	48
Illinois Codes, 1881	2	.....	2	.....	2
Supplement to Code	669	.....	669	.....	666
Charters and Borders	204	.....	204	.....	204
S. G. L. Journals	16	.....	16	.....	16
Floor Work	351	.....	351	36	315
Insurance Certificates	.....	10	10	1	9
Grand Lodge Cards	111	.....	111	17	94
Odes With Music	110	.....	110	5	105
Petitions for Membership	6680	.....	6680	.....	6680
Question Books	5	50	55	7	48
Rebekah Codes	50	.....	50	11	39
Assembly Floor Work	6	.....	6	1	5
Official Receipts	22500	.....	22500	13300	9200

*Three copies given to J. and A. Committee.

STOCK ON HAND NOV. 1, 1897.

Cards	2,162	@	$0.20	$ 432 40
Rituals	445	"	2.00	890 00
Odes	3,553	"	.03	106 59
Book of Odes	66	"	.50	33 00
Degree Charts	8	"	2.00	16 00
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	751	"	.20	150 20
White's Digest	30	"	2.50	75 00
Book of Forms	32	"	.75	24 00
Diplomas—"Subordinate"	108	"	.50	54 00
" —"Rebekah"	24	"	.20	4 80
Veteran Jewels	48	"	3.50	168 00
Illinois Codes	2	"	.63	1 26
Supplement to Code	669	"	.43	287 67
Charters and Borders	204	"	.25	51 00
S. G. L. Journals	16	"	1.50	24 00
Floor Work	315	"	.30	94 50
Insurance Certificates	9	"	.50	4 50
Grand Lodge Cards	94	"	.10	9 40
Odes with Music	105	"	.08	8 40
Petitions for Membership	6,680	"	.0½	33 40
Question Books	48	"	1.00	48 00
Rebekah Codes	39	"	.05	1 95
Assembly Floor Work	5	"	.50	2 50
Official Receipts	9,200	"	.2½	230 00
				$2,750 57

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES IN GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

1 Hall safe.
4 Tables.
5 Desks.
1 Letter press.
22 Office chairs.
9 Pigeon-hole cases.
1 Set Grand Lodge Regalia.
1 Grand Lodge Seal.
1 Bust, "Father Wildey."
1 Letter scales.
Linoleum, rugs and shades.
1 Typewriter, Remington No. 2.
1 Bureau.
3 Oak cases.

No estimated value is given to these articles, for the reason that the Finance Committee held no meeting prior to the printing of this report.

BUSINESS STATEMENT

Of purchases and sales by the Grand Secretary for six months ending November 1, 1897.

To stock on hand May 1, 1897	*$3,044 19	
" " bought during six months	1,640 00	
By sale of Cards		$ 431 00
" Rituals		513 00
" Old Rituals to S. G. L. @ $1.00 each		825 00
" Odes		45 45
" Book of Odes		7 15
" Degree Charts		9 00
" Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies		48 25
" White's Digest		12 00
" Book of Forms		14 00
" Veteran Jewels		276 00
" Floor Work		14 40
" Insurance Certificates		10 00
" Grand Lodge Cards		17 00
" Odes with Music		50
" Question Books		10 50
" Rebekah Codes		1 10
" Assembly Floor Work		50
" Official Receipts		297 00
" Defunct Lodges		36 05
" Profit on New Lodges		241 80
" Grand Lodge Journals		1 25
By stock on hand Nov. 1, 1897		2,750 57
Profit on six months' business	877 33	
	$5,561 52	$5,561 52

*The furniture account of $674.00 has been taken out of the stock account.

CASH STATEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING NOV. 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Dr.		*Cr.*	
Cards	$431 00	Remitted to Grand Treas.	
Rituals	513 00	T. B. Needles	$25,858 45
Odes	45 45		
Book of Odes	7 15		
Degree Charts	9 00		
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	48 25		
White's Digest	12 00		
Book of Forms	14 00		
Veteran Jewels	276 00		
New Code	48 00		
Floor Work	14 40		
Grand Lodge Cards	17 00		
Insurance Certificates	10 00		
New Charters	241 80		
Grand Lodge Journals	1 25		
Rebekah Tax	2,441 80		
Defunct Lodges	36 05		
Odes with Music	50		
Question Books	10 50		
Official Receipts	297 00		
Capitation Tax	21,219 45		
Old Folks' Home	163 25		
Assembly Installation work	50		
Rebekah Codes	1 10		
	$25,858 45		$25,858 45

Removal of the Grand Secretary's Office.

In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge given at the last session, the Committee, composed of Grand Master Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Secretary Jas. R. Miller, and Grand Treasurer Thos. B. Needles, contracted with the "Odd Fellows' Building Association" in a five years' lease, for convenient and suitable rooms, with excellent vault accommodations, for the use of the Grand Secretary, and on the first of May, 1897, the office was moved to the Odd Fellows' Building, fourth floor. Furniture and fixtures necessary to meet the changed conditions and increased capacity were supplied by the Committee, making the present location and rooms the most convenient and commodious that the Grand Secretary ever occupied. Grand Master Rankin, Chairman of the Committee, will give a more detailed report.

Losses by Fire.

During the year reports have been received from the following Lodges sustaining losses by fire:

York Lodge, No. 153, located at Little York, Warren County, charter, regalia, and furniture lost by fire March 28, 1897. No insurance reported. Duplicate charter issued.

Carterville Lodge, No. 703, Carterville, suffered the loss by fire, April 30, 1897, of building and Lodge effects.

Loss on building	$2,000 00
Loss on property	800 00
Total loss	$2,800 00
Insurance	1,300 00
Net loss	$1,500 00

Duplicate charter issued.

Delta Lodge, No. 772, of Simpson, reported hall burned April 23, 1897. Property all lost. No estimate of value. No insurance. Duplicate charter issued.

LaGrange Lodge, No. 693, at Grossdale, Cook County, reported entire loss of Lodge effects July 7, 1897. No estimate of value of loss. No insurance. Duplicate charter issued.

Veteran Jewels.

During the year there were presented to members of Lodges one hundred and nineteen veteran jewels—one hundred and seventeen being twenty-five-year brother veterans, and two being fifteen-year Rebekah veterans, an evidence of the esteem in which the veterans of the Order are held by their Sisters and Brothers.

Lodges instituted, closed, consolidated, suspended, or removed, will be reported by Grand Master Rankin, as will also all donations made from the relief fund.

Old Folks' Home Donations.

By action of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Rankin, Grand Secretary Miller and Grand Treasurer Needles were appointed a committee with instructions to issue to each Rebekah and Subordinate Lodge a circular requesting donations in favor of an Old Folks' Home, said donations to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary. In response to said circular the following donations have been received by the Grand Secretary for the Old Folks' Home:

No.	Name.	Location.	Amount.
128	Kewanee	Kewanee	$25 00
588	New Athens	New Athens	15 00
553	Castleton	Castleton	50
679	Braceville	Braceville	25 00
288	Jackson Park	Chicago	
825	Woodlawn Park	Woodlawn Park	100 00
525	Kenwood	Chicago	
63	Lilla Rebekah	Springfield	5 00
700	Forsyth	Forsyth	8 15
15	Hope Rebekah	Duquoin	5 00
227	Queen Rebekah	Chicago	5 00
74	Tower Rock Rebekah	Grand Tower	5 00
149	Dinah Rebekah	Braceville	5 00
116	Atalanta	Greenup	18 90
539	New Baden	New Baden	5 00
7	Jefferson	Canton	12 50
364	Mystic Tie Rebekah	Princeton	1 00
351	Princeville	Princeville	16 35
123	Salem	Petersburg	25 00
....	Jno. C. Smith	Chicago	25 00
190	Mt. Sterling Rebekah	Mt. Sterling	4 75
113	Peoria Rebekah	Peoria	5 00
458	Neola Rebekah	London Mills	2 00
378	Spring Valley	Spring Valley	9 50
380	Guttenburg	Spring Valley	9 50
848	Wanlock	Wanlock	2 00
398	Fish-Hook	Fish-Hook	3 95
444	Hegewisch Star Rebekah	Hegewisch	8 55
612	Herscher	Herscher	5 00
255	Magnolia Rebehah	Magnolia	5 00
245	Canton Rebekah	Canton	5 10
140	Good Samaritan Rebekah	Oregon	15 00
691	Paul[3]	Elgin	30 00
816	Thawville	Thawville	3 50
323	Aquila Rebekah	Bellflower	4 40
			$415 65

Cash Receipts for the Year.

The work of the office for the year may be partly measured by the fact that the total receipts for supplies, fees and capitation tax for the year ending Oct. 31, 1897, amounted to the large sum of $59,344.71, being largely in excess of receipts for any previous year. In 1892, the first year of my official service, the total receipts were $27,603.37. The increased work and responsibility of the office must be apparent from this fact alone.

Exchange of Rituals.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge having issued new rituals, and provided for the basis of exchanging the old ones for the new ones, a circular letter was sent from this office to all the Subordinate and

Rebekah Lodges, informing them of the rate of exchange and the necessity for such exchange, as demanded by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. At the present date I have, in conjunction with the Grand Master, certified to J. Frank Grant, Secretary of the Sovereign Lodge, to the destruction of four thousand two hundred and eighty-three rituals, and probably there will be five hundred more exchanged by the first of January, 1898. This exchange of rituals has caused for the office an unusual amount of extra work.

Appeals.

The following appeals were taken from the decision of the Judiciary and Appeals Committee to the Grand Lodge:

Case No. 121, David Hecht vs. Charleston Lodge No. 609. Bro. David Hecht appeals.

Case No. 156, Marion Lodge No. 13 vs. W. H. Herdman. Marion Lodge appeals.

Case No. 158, August Schumann vs. Paul Lodge No. 691. Appeal by Bro. August Schumann.

Case No. 162, C. Beardsley vs. Central Park Lodge No. 328. Bro. C. Beardsley appeals.

Case No. 169, Remembrance Lodge No. 77 vs. Jos. A. Landes. Appeal by Bro. J. A. Landes.

Case No. 170, J. A. Landes et al. vs. Remembrance Lodge No. 77. Appeal by Bro. J. A. Landes.

Judiciary and Appeals Committee, I. O. O. F.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST SESSION.

February 16, 1897.

CASE NO. 145.

Bro. C. L. Robinson vs. Chromo Lodge No. 512. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips, of No. 68.

At the November session, 1896, of this committee, it was held that Bro. Robinson had appealed this case, and the same was remanded with direction to permit all proper evidence to be taken and that such evidence be certified to this committee. From the evidence now before us we find that on September 10th, 1895, Bro. Robinson was discharged from the sick list, with his full knowledge and consent. We also find that the weight and preponderance of the evidence shows that Bro. Robinson's condition of health was not such as to entitle him to claim sick benefits since September 10, 1895. Even were this not the case, it is our opinion that when a brother has been once discharged from the sick list in a proper way before he can again be placed upon it, he must make known his condition to his Lodge in the proper manner. There seems to be nothing in the record to satisfy us that this was done. In fact, about a full month from November 21 to December 21, 1895, Bro. Robinson was absent from his home, and no word was received by his Lodge that he was sick. Lodges are entitled to be informed at the time claims for benefits are supposed to be accruing, and not be left in ignorance until an aggregated claim is presented. It is the opinion of the committee that this appeal should be dismissed, and the action of the Lodge sustained, and it is so ordered.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
C. B. SAMSON,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY.

CASE NO. 149.

W. H. Herdman vs. Marion Lodge No. 13. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

Opinion by Bro. George F. Howard, P. G. M., of No. 664.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

This is an appeal from the action of Nashville Lodge No. 37, (to which Lodge the case was sent by Grand Master Mansfield, upon a change of venue from Marion Lodge No. 13) in expelling the appellant from the Order. From the evidence and copy of the record in this

case, which is very voluminous, the following facts are given: On August 25th, 1895, an investigating committee (which had been appointed at a previous meeting) reported in the usual form and preferred the following charges and specifications:

Charge 1—We charge Bro. W. H. Herdman with defrauding Marion Lodge No. 13, out of a sum of money.

Specification 1—That he borrowed from said Lodge many years ago said money, and when suit was brought on said claim for the recovery thereof, he employed counsel to defend against said suit.

Specification 2—That on March 14th, 1872, judgment was obtained against him in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County for $212.08 and no part of said sum has ever been paid by him.

Charge No. 2—We charge Bro. W. H. Herdman with defrauding a brother Odd Fellow.

Specification No. 1—That he employed Bro. T. H. McBride to move the house he now lives in and agreed to pay for the same $125.00. That he paid the sum of $75.00, and no more, and has failed and refused to pay the residue, notwithstanding the work was performed more than three years ago.

Specification No. 2—That in May or June of 1895, he employed Bro. T. H. McBride to remove a building off the lot just north of his residence lot and agreed to pay therefor the sum of $20.00, ten (10) dollars of which was to be paid in the week following the completion of the work and ten (10) dollars the next week thereafter. That five (5) dollars of said sum remains due and unpaid; that he has failed and refused to pay the residue, though often requested.

Charge No. 3—We charge Bro. W. H. Herdman with adultery.

Specification No. 1—That Bro. W. H. Herdman has been in adultery with Nancy E. Lewis on or about March 1st, 1894, and at divers other times in and near the city of Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

The Noble Grand instructed the Secretary to furnish the accused with a copy of the charges and a notice to appear in two (2) weeks to answer.

September 10th, 1895, Bro. Herdman being present, was asked to plead to the charges, to which appellant made answer that he appeared only for the purpose of moving to quash the service of the alleged or supposed charges by copy thereof, as the supposed copy is not signed by the committee and does not conform with the law as laid down in the code. This motion to quash was supported by an affidavit made by appellant setting forth the above facts. The motion to quash the service of the charges by copy was overruled by the Noble Grand, and the Secretary ordered to enter the same in full in the record. Bro. Herdman was again asked to plead to the charges and specifications, when the appellant moved that the charges and

specifications be quashed, claiming that Charges Nos. 1 and 2, together with the specifications thereunder, all refer to private business affairs, and do not state or charge any offense under the laws of the Order, and that this Lodge has no jurisdiction to try the same. That Charge No. 3 and the specifications thereunder, are vague not fixing the place or state where the alleged offense (adultery) took place. The Noble Grand overruled this motion to quash also, and appellant gave notice that he took exceptions to said ruling of the Noble Grand.

Bro. Herdman then pleaded not guilty to each and all of the charges and specifications. The Noble Grand appointed Bro. J. Lee Crowder as commissioner to take evidence, and he was duly obligated as such.

During the time that the commissioner was taking the testimony, the appellant made a motion to quash and dismiss said charges upon the grounds that said testimony was not taken within the time specified in Section 5, of Article 7, of the Constitution governing Subordinate Lodges, viz.: "two (2) weeks," which motion was overruled by the Lodge, and the commissioner finished taking the testimony in the case.

February 4th, 1896, the commissioner reported the testimony all taken and the case closed up by the consent of both sides; also that appellant refused to allow the sitting Noble Grand to pass upon the objected evidence taken by the commissioner, for the reason that he (the Noble Grand) was a witness in the case. The Lodge did not grant Bro. Herdman his request, but postponed further action until the next meeting of the Lodge.

February 11th, 1896. At this meeting, Bro. Herdman and two other brothers made proper application for a change of venue, and the same was forwarded to Grand Master C. F. Mansfield for his decision.

March 3d, 1896, order from the Grand Master sending the case of Marion Lodge No. 13 vs. Bro. W. H. Herdman to Arbeiter Lodge No. 385, located at Nashville, Illinois, to be tried.

July 28th, 1896, Nashville Lodge No. 37, located at Nashville, Illinois, was ordered by Grand Master Mansfield to proceed with the trial of Marion Lodge No. 13 vs. Bro. W. H. Herdman, and the record shows that upon motion, a committee was appointed by the Noble Grand to take charge of the case.

August 25th, 1896, the Secretary of Nashville Lodge No. 37, was instructed to notify the Secretary of Marion Lodge No. 13 that the case of said Lodge vs. Bro. W. H. Herdman would be taken up and tried on Tuesday evening, September 8th, 1896, and that the Secretary of said Marion Lodge No. 13 is directed to notify the defendant, Bro. W. H. Herdman, of the date of said trial.

September 8th, 1896, the committee appointed to take charge of the Herdman case reported "That they had notified Marion Lodge

No. 13, I. O. O. F., and that said Lodge had notified Bro. W. H. Herdman that the trial was set for September 8th, 1896. The committee from Marion Lodge No. 13 reported that the prosecution was ready for trial. The defendant, Bro. W. H. Herdman, answered that he appeared only for the purpose of making a motion "To dismiss the charges upon the grounds that Nashville Lodge had no jurisdiction over the case." The Noble Grand overruled the motion to dismiss, to which ruling of the Noble Grand the defendant, Bro. W. H. Herdman, excepts, and withdrew from the Lodge room.

The Lodge then proceeded to hear the testimony read. The Lodge then proceeded to ballot upon the several charges and specifications, and the defendant was declared guilty of all the said charges and specifications. The ballot was then spread upon the highest punishment, viz., Expulsion, and Bro. Herdman was declared expelled from the Order, and the Secretary was instructed to so notify the Secretary of Marion Lodge No. 13.

October 27th, 1896, the appellant made a demand on Marion Lodge No. 13 for a certified copy of the records of Nashville Lodge No. 37.

Bro. W. H. Herdman gave notice of his appeal from the action and judgment of the Lodge in the matter of charges preferred against Bro. W. H. Herdman on August 27, 1895, and assigns the following as grounds for such appeal:

First—That his motion to quash the charges Nos. 1 and 2 and each and all the specifications thereunder upon the grounds that the same related to private business transactions was overruled by the Noble Grand. Also that Charge No. 3 should be dismissed on the grounds that same was vague, was also overruled by the Noble Grand.

Second—That the trial was not held upon the fourth regular meeting after the charges were preferred.

Third—That the testimony of the witnesses was not taken in deposition form as required by our laws, and was not read over to said witnesses, nor subscribed to by them after the same was written down.

Fourth—That hearsay or secondary evidence was admitted by the commissioner.

Fifth—That the commissioner did not take the evidence nor return the same to the Noble Grand within the time prescribed by our laws.

Sixth—That the Noble Grand did not give any notice to appellant to meet him not later than three (3) days before the fourth (4th) regular meeting to pass upon the objected evidence.

Seventh—That Bro. H. G. Jones was a member of the prosecuting committee that presented the charges on August 27th, 1895, and was elected Vice Grand in September, 1895, and served as such officer, was then elected Noble Grand in March, 1896, and filled that office

during the term just closed, and has continued to act as a member of said prosecuting committee up to the 8th day of September last, when said alleged trial was held by Nashville Lodge No. 37.

Eighth—That after the commissioner had made his report and delivered the testimony to the Lodge, a change of venue was asked for and Grand Master Mansfield allowed said change of venue and ordered the case sent to Arbeiter Lodge No. 385, located at Nashville, Illinois, (which is a German speaking Lodge) and at the same time instructed the Noble Grand of said Arbeiter Lodge No. 385 to issue proper notice to all parties concerned and also that he should rule upon the objected evidence, and that said Arbeiter Lodge should then proceed to try the case according to law. These instructions of the Grand Master were not complied with nor any notices sent either to the prosecuting committee nor the appellant. But appellant was informed that said Arbeiter Lodge No. 385 did proceed to try him and that said Lodge did vote to expell appellant without giving any notice either to Marion Lodge No. 13, nor to appellant. The Grand Master, after being informed of the action of Arbeiter Lodge stated that it was an error, that he intended all the time for the case to go to Nashville Lodge No. 37.

Ninth—That after Nashville Lodge Lodge No. 37 was notified by the Grand Master to try the case, appellant did not receive any notice from said Lodge until the 31st day of August, 1896, when he was notified that the trial would take place on September 8th, 1896.

Tenth—That the appellant did appear at said Nashville Lodge No. 37, on the evening of September 8th, 1896, and entered a special appearance for the purpose of entering a motion to quash and dismiss the said charges and the specifications thereunder, but was prevented from so doing by the Noble Grand of said Nashville Lodge, who ordered the protest of appellant placed upon the Secretary's desk, to which order the appellant excepted thereto and retired from the Lodge room, and the said Nashville Lodge No. 37 proceeded in the absence of appellant to try and expelled him from the Order.

The evidence taken by the commissioner does not prove the Charge No. 3 or the specifications thereunder.

OPINION.

The evidence in this case, together with the record, is very voluminous, and the committee has gone over same very carefully. Charges Nos. 1 and 2, together with the specifications thereunder, refer to business matters that have happened between appellant and Marion Lodge and between appellant and a brother Odd Fellow.

Charge No. 1 charges appellant with defrauding Marion Lodge No. 13 out of a sum of money.

It appears from the evidence that on January 5th, 1861, the appellant borrowed one hundred ($100) dollars from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of said Lodge. That said amount has not been repaid by appellant. The Lodge sued in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County in the year 1871, and obtained a judgment against said appellant for the money borrowed together with interest to date.

Charge No. 2 and the specification thereunder refers to a business transaction that appellant had with Bro. T. H. McBride. These two charges ought never to have been brought. It has always been the rule of our Order, that it cannot be made a debt collecting agency. Sec. No. 628 of the Illinois Code, reads as follows: "Pecuniary relations among brothers which are of a civil nature, and do not entail public scandal on the Order, and controversies which involve property rights and civil contracts, frequently involving, as they do, long, intricate and conflicting accounts, requiring close and patient scrutiny and impartial investigation, should always be submitted to the legal institutions of the land, and should not be brought into Lodges for arbitration, nor as ground of charges, unless false pretense, fraud or dishonesty is involved in the transaction." The motion made by appellant on the night of September 10th, 1895, to dismiss charges Nos. 1 and 2 was a proper motion to make, and should have been sustained by the Noble Grand and said charges should have been dismissed.

The record is full of errors. We will not mention them all in detail, but state some of the most important and vital ones. The evidence taken by the commissioner was not taken in deposition form. Hearsay or secondary evidence was admitted. The Noble Grand did not give appellant any notice of the time and place to meet and pass upon the objected testimony. That Bro. H. G. Jones, one of the prosecuting committee, was Vice Grand and Noble Grand of Marion Lodge during the time that this trial of appellant's has been before said Marion Lodge, which is contrary to our laws. That when the case was sent upon a change of venue by Grand Master Mansfield to Arbeiter Lodge No. 385, said Lodge failed to notify either the prosecuting committee of Marion Lodge or the appellant of the date of trial; also the date set to pass upon the objected testimony, but proceeded, tried and expelled appellant from the Order. Grand Master Mansfield afterwards sent the case to Nashville Lodge No. 37, located at Nashville, to be tried, and although said Lodge did notify Marion Lodge No. 13 of the day set for said trial, no notice was sent by the Noble Grand of said Lodge to either the prosecuting committee nor appellant of the time and place when he, the Noble Grand. would pass upon the objected testimony. On the date set for the trial of said cause, appellant did make a special appearance at said Nashville Lodge No. 37, for the purpose of making a motion to dismiss the charges, but was prevented from so doing by the Noble Grand of said

Lodge, which is clearly a grave error, as our laws provide that every opportunity shall be given to a brother to defend himself during the process of the trial. Then said Nashville Lodge proceeded with the trial in the absence of appellant, found him quilty of all the charges and specifications thereunder, and fixed the penalty at expulsion from the Order.

Your committee is of the opinion that the appeal should be sustained upon the ground that the first and second charges were improper; also that the Noble Grand erred in not passing upon the objected testimony before the trial commenced, and for the other irregularities charged by appellant in his appeal to this committee. It is therefore the order of this committee that the case be remanded back with permission to Marion Lodge No. 13 to prepare proper charges and specifications against the appellant.

Appeal sustained, case remanded back to Lodge with instructions.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMSON,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY.

CASE NO. 151.

Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126 vs. Bro. J. H. Preston.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, P. G. R., of No. 232.

This is an appeal from the judgment of Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126, expelling Bro. J. H. Preston, a member of said Lodge.

STATEMENT.

The record shows that on June 10th, 1896, the following charges and specifications were preferred against the accused.

"To the Officers and Members of Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126, I. O. O. F.: The undersigned, your committee, appointed to investigate the complaint against Bro. J. H. Preston, a member of this Lodge, respectfully beg leave to report that we have made due investigation as to the matters complained of and find from the evidence that Bro. J. H. Preston may be and probably is guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

We therefore prefer the following charges:

We charge Bro. J. H. Preston with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

Specification No. 1—That Bro. J. H. Preston did on or about the 18th day of December, A. D., 1895, through Olive Lodge No. 98, I. O. O. F., apply for and obtain benefits from this Lodge which he knew

he was not entitled to, and demand having been made to him to refund to this Lodge the money so obtained he refuses and still refuses to refund to this Lodge the money rightfully belonging to it.

Specification No. 2—We charge Bro. J. H. Preston with dishonesty, deception and fraud. First, by retaining money belonging to this Lodge, after being notified to return same. Second, by furnishing a certificate of disability to this Lodge from a traveling quack doctor. Third, by fraudently receiving and retaining money which he knew he was not entitled to. Witnesses on the part of the prosecution are J. T. North, T. H. Cusey, F. M. Clarno, Joseph Beemen and Grant Cardiff.

J. F. CASE,
C. S. PRYER,
J. J. HAAS,
Committee.

At a meeting of the Lodge June 24th, 1896, Bro. J. H. Preston, being present, was asked by the Noble Grand if he (Preston) admitted the evidence. Bro. Preston answered, No! The Secretary then read the charges and specifications. The Noble Grand then asked the accused if he was ready for trial, and he answered, No, and stated that he had furnished the Secretary with a list of witnesses who he wanted cited and that his counsel was not present. The Noble Grand then set the trial for two weeks from that time. Noble Grand then appointed a commissioner to take the evidence. July 8th, 1896, the commissioner not having taken the evidence on account of sickness, the case was continued to July 22d, 1896. On July 22d the prosecution asked and obtained leave to amend the caption of the charges. Both parties announced ready for trial. The Secretary read the charges and specifications. The evidence was then read and the case argued. The accused then retired from the Lodge room.

The Noble Grand ordered the charges and specifications read. On Charge 1 and Specification 1. and charge was sustained. Ballot was then spread on Charge 1 of Specification 2, and charge was sustained. Ballot was then spread on Charge 2 of Specification 3 and the charge was sustained The Lodge then proceeded to vote on penalty, the highest, that of expulsion, and the Noble Grand declared Bro. J. H. Preston expelled from the Lodge.

Two appeals of this case have been perfected. One by the accused, the other by three members of the Lodge.

We will consider both the appeals together as one appeal.

FACTS.

We have carefully considered this case, and find that from the evidence that Bro J. W Preston, the accused, lived on a farm within about five miles of Olive Lodge No. 98, and about thirteen miles from

his Lodge, Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126. That Bro. Preston had not been in good health for some years, but was able to be around doing chores and some work on his farm, although for the year or two last past, before the time for which benefits were claimed, his family had done the farm work principally. In the latter part of June, 1895, he went to see a physician about his condition and got a supply of medicine. About June 26, 1895, Bro. Preston was taken down. It appears from the several certificates of various physicians that Bro. Preston was suffering from general debility and rheumatism and was unable to perform manual labor and about November 5, 1895, dispepsia and heart trouble was added to his ailments. In that condition he seems to have continued from June 26th, 1895, to the latter part of February, 1896, the date of his last physician's certificate before us. He does not appear to have been confined to his bed all the time, but was up a part of the time, yet all the while suffering from his ailments, he did some chores at times and went to town to see physicians, but rode on a train most of the time. At one time in August, he visited the County Fair, but was weak and did not get out of the hack. There is absolutely no evidence to show that at any time from June 26th, 1895, to the time of the trial Bro. Preston was able to do anything. On the contrary, the evidence shows that he was in bad physical condition during all of the time and if he was able to do anything, the evidence entirely fails to show it.

On July 9th, 1895, Bro. Preston was reported sick to Olive Lodge No. 98, which Lodge immediately notified Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126, of Bro. Preston's sickness, but heard nothing from Mt. Pleasant. In a few weeks after that, Olive Lodge No. 98 allowed Bro. Preston six weeks benefits (Bro Preston at the time holding a visiting card) and notified Mt. Pleasant Lodge and sent physician's certificate to them. It further appears that Olive Lodge wrote several letters to Mt. Pleasant Lodge calling their attention to Bro. Preston's case and to the fact that Olive Lodge had allowed Bro. Preston six weeks' benefits, as per visiting card, and urging Mt. Pleasant Lodge to remit. Finally Mt. Pleasant Lodge sent draft to Olive Lodge for $11.00, claiming that the physician's certificate did not cover six weeks. After some correspondence and sending additional certificates, Mt. Pleasant Lodge finally remitted the balance of the six weeks' benefits allowed by Olive Lodge, making $17.00. Afterward, Olive Lodge allowed Bro. Preston five weeks' more benefits, and on December 18th, 1895, Mt. Pleasant Lodge sent Olive Lodge draft for the five weeks' benefits $15.00. Olive Lodge had asked Mt. Pleasant Lodge to be relieved from looking after Bro. Preston on account of the delays and contentions of Mt. Pleasant Lodge

Some time in December, 1895, Bros. North and Cusey, members of the Visiting Committee of Mt. Pleasant Lodge, visited Bro. Preston for the first time, and they claim that Preston told them that his first sickness was from June 26th, 1895, to August 8th, 1895, and that he

had another sickness from November 5th to 28, 1895. These worthy brothers wrote out the following statement and asked Bro. Preston to sign it:

Farmer City, June 26th, 1895.

Received of Mt. Pleasant Lodge seventeen dollars ($17.00) as benefits from June 29th up till August 8th. J. H. PRESTON.

Also, November 5th till November 28th, certificate from Dr. Bishop, signed J. H. Preston. There is some conflict of evidence as to whether Bro. Preston read or heard read the above statement. These same brothers again visited Bro. Preston about January 29th, 1896, and spoke to him about the statement previously signed by him, and they produced a type written statement which they asked him to sign, and told him this statement was "the same form but not worded just as the other one," which last certificate was as follows:

"To the Officers and Members of Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126, I. O. O. F., of Farmer City, Ill.:

"I, J. H. Preston, a member of said Lodge, claim benefits from said Lodge from June 29th, 1895, to August 8th, 1895, and I do not claim benefits from August 8th to November 5th, 1895. I also claim benefits from November 5th, 1895 to November 28th, 1895.

Witness my hand this 29th day of January, 1896.

(Signed) J. H. PRESTON."

In presence of J. T. North and T. H. Cusey.

On same date, January 29th, 1896, Mt. Pleasant Lodge wrote the following letter to Bro. Preston:

"Farmer City, January 29, 1896.

J. H. Preston, Esq., Berkbeck, Ill.

"Dear Sir and Brother: I am instructed by this Lodge to demand of you the sum of $16.00, as amount of benefits over paid by this Lodge to you according to statements made and signed by you. Please remit at once and oblige. In F., L. and T.

R. CLEARWATER, Secretary.

P. S.—Received your certificate tonight. Also your statement. The Sick Committee have declared you off the sick list.

(Seal) R. CLEARWATER, Secretary."

About February 12th, 1896, the following certificate was sent to Mt. Pleasant Lodge:

"To Whom This May Concern:

"This may certify that Mr. J. H. Preston has been under my treatment since November 5th, 1895, for general debility and rheumatism of left shoulder. His infirmities have been of such a nature that he has been unable to perform manual labor. This is his condition at this date and likely to continue for months to come.

"Given under my hand this 12th day of February, 1896.

ISAAC N. BISHOP, M. D."

On February 19th, 1896, the following was sent to Bro. Preston:

"Hall of Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126, I. O. O. F.

"Farmer City, Ill., Feb. 19, 1896.

"Mr. J. H. Preston, Berkbeck, Ill.:

"Dear Sir and Brother: The sum of thirteen ($13) dollars of overpaid benefits by this Lodge to you is hereby demanded, and you are hereby notified to return this amount to this Lodge within five days from the date of this notice, otherwise charges will be preferred against you for receiving and retaining money from the Lodge that you were not entitled to. Done by order of the Lodge, at its regular meeting February 12th, 1896.

Attest: T. H. CUSEY, Pro. Tem. Noble Grand.

(Seal) R. CLEARWATER, Secretary."

The evidence discloses the fact that Mt. Pleasant Lodge had paid the expenses of Bros. North and Cusey for a trip to see the Grand Master about this case without direction from the Lodge to make the trip.

OPINION.

The evidence in this case is quite voluminous and a considerable part of it immaterial and improper. In all cases the evidence should be confined to the issue and not go outside of the issue being investigated.

We have carefully considered this case. It will not be necessary in deciding this case to consider in detail all of the objections urged by the appellants.

We are of the opinion that the charges and specifications in this case are not sufficient under the law. Sections 668 and 669, Illinois Code, Sections from 32 page 302, Illinois Code, White's Digest, Sections 1565 and 1566, Case 108, page 90, Illinois Journal, 1895, Case 140. page 169, Illinois Journal, 1896.

The record before us fails to give the vote cast for or against sustaining the charges or specifications, or the total vote cast.

Section 7, Article VII, of the Constitution, provides that charges and specifications must be sustained in whole or in part by a "vote of two-thirds" of the members entitled to vote on the question, and the punishment must be fixed by a "two-thirds vote." The record must show that the proceedings in the case were as the law directs. We can only know what steps were taken in a case by an examination of the record. We have no right to presume what the record fails to show, and for anything that appears in this record the accused may have been declared expelled on a majority vote, which the law does not tolerate. To sustain charges and fix a penalty requires a two thirds vote.

See case 88, page 70, Illinois Journal, 1895, case 110, page 123, Illinois Journal 1895, case 140, page 169, Illinois Journal 1896, Sec. 7, Article VII, Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

Does the evidence sustain the judgment of the Lodge? Section 3, Article IV., Constitution, prescribes the duty of the Visiting Committee and provides: "If a member of another Lodge be sick and apply to this Lodge for relief, his case shall be referred to the Visiting Committee, as if he were a member of this Lodge, and if he be entitled to receive benefits from his own Lodge, this Lodge shall advance the sum thus due him and forward an account of same to his Lodge without delay."

Bro. Preston, holding a visiting card at the time, applied to or was reported to Olive Lodge No. 98, and that Lodge allowed him benefits as the law directs. (Sections 579 and 580, Illinois Code, Section 115, White's Digest), and without delay, notified Bro. Preston's Lodge, as provided by law. In this case there is no evidence even tending to show that Bro. Preston applied for or received any benefits that he was not entitled to. There is no evidence showing even the slightest suspicion of deception, fraud or dishonesty on the part of Bro. Preston. In fact, the evidence shows that in this entire controversy, Bro. Preston has acted frank, fair and honest. Has never covered up or tried to evade anything. Neither is there one word of evidence in the case tending to reflect on the professional standing and character of any physician who gave Bro. Preston a certificate. The fact that a brother accepts benefits which he believed to be due him and which was allowed by a Lodge, does not constitute fraud. Frequently controversy arises between a Lodge and its members as to benefits. We cannot say that in such cases the brother claiming the benefits will be guilty of dishonesty and fraud for contending for what he honestly thought was his right. Something more is necessary to make out so grave a charge as the one made against Bro. Preston. In other words, it would be necessary to show that the brother knew he was not entitled to benefits, or that he had knowingly misrepresented his condition, and the Lodge had paid the benefits, relying on such false and fraudulent representations. Case 126, page 135, Illinois Journal, 1896.

The entire evidence in this case goes to show that Bro. Preston had for some time been in a bad physical condition. Section 8, Article X., Constitution, provides for the payment of "weekly" benefits, etc. All benefits should be paid every week and not allowed to run for months. The law directs and intends benefits should be paid weekly. Had Mt. Pleasant Lodge looked after Bro. Preston as industriously during his sickness and with as much energy as they have followed the prosecution of this case, the situation might have been different. A brother once on the sick list cannot be removed therefrom without due notice and investigation. Section 546 B. Sup. Illinois Code. Case

No. 71, page 63, Illinois Journal, 1895. A brother always has the right to be heard in his own behalf. Yet, we find "the Sick Committee declared him off the sick list."

A careful study of the record and evidence in this case readily discloses the "foot prints in the sand" leading in a direction that the spirit of our Order cannot follow. We refrain from commenting further on the facts. We are of opinion that the evidence entirely fails to sustain the action of the Lodge. Therefore, the appeals are sustained and the action of the Lodge is reversed, and Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126 is hereby directed to restore Bro. J. H. Preston to membership in said Lodge and restore him to all rights and benefits same as if the charges in this case had never been.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON.

CASE NO. 153.

Geo. Wilde
vs.
Macon Lodge No. 687. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, P. G. R., of No. 232.

STATEMENT.

This case appears to be a matter taken up with the Grand Master relating to benefits. There is no record, only some correspondence bebetween the Grand Master and the parties, which seems to have resulted in the Grand Master writing to Bro. Geo. E. Wilde the following letter: "George E. Wilde:

"Dear Sir and Brother: Your claim for benefits against Macon Lodge not one of sympathy, but depends solely and entirely upon the question whether or not you were in good standing, and from the account submitted to me you were not in good standing. I asked you some time ago to give me any evidence you had upon that question, and you have not furnished me with any. I am, therefore, compelled to decide that you are not entitled to benefits under the showing made by Macon Lodge. I regret very much that you should be in arrears, but it so happened. Fraternally yours,

C. F. MANSFIELD, Grand Master."

There is no appeal from the above decision of the Grand Master. In fact nothing to show how this case got before this committee. The supposed appeal is therefore dismissed.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
C. B. SAMSON,
GEORGE F. HOWARD.
Committee.

CASE NO. 157.

Tillman Roby vs. Chosen Friends Lodge No. 86.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1897

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

This is an appeal from the action of Chosen Friends Lodge in refusing to pay Bro. Roby a balance of certain sick benefits claimed by him.

There does not appear to be any material disagreement as to the facts in this case. From the agreed facts, as shown by the record, it appears that Bro. Roby was reported sick May 12th, 1894, and was paid sick benefits for fifty-two consecutive weeks; the benefits for the first six weeks being at the rate of $5.00 per week, and thereafter at the rate of $3.00 per week, until the full period of fifty-two weeks had been paid.

On June 9th, 1894, the Lodge adopted an amendment to its by-laws providing that the sick benefits should be $3.00 per week. (Prior to that the by-laws had provided for sick benefits at the rate of $5.00 per week), and also that after the benefits had been paid for fifty-two consecutive weeks the benefits should be $1.00 per week. This amendment was not approved by this committee until August, 1895.

In July, 1895, Bro. Roby made a claim for nine weeks' sickness, extending from April 20th to June 22d, 1895, at $2.00 per week, the rate fixed by the old by-law, and thereupon the question arose whether or not the brother was entitled to $2.00 per week, as fixed by the old by-law, or to $1.00, as the amended by-law then provided. The Lodge refused to pay the benefits claimed, and thereupon Bro. Roby took an appeal to this committee, and an opinion was rendered that the Lodge must pay at the rate of $2.00 per week, holding that the old by-law was in force until the amendment was approved by this committee in August, 1895, G. L. J., 1896, page 173.

In September, 1895, the brother made the claim now before us for unpaid benefits of $2.00 per week for forty-six weeks, being the time prior to April 20, 1895, basing his claim on the ground that the old law was in force during all that time.

When the brother made his claim for nine weeks' benefits above mentioned, he was fully cognizant of the fact that if he was then entitled to be paid $2.00 per week for nine weeks' sickness, the same rule would apply to claim now before us, yet he made no demand upon the Lodge for the claim.

This committee has repeatedly held that when a brother presents a claim to his Lodge, it should include all items claimed to be due and owing him by the Lodge prior to the filing of such claim.

We do not believe in allowing a brother to divide his claims into separate demands, especially after knowledge of the supposed wrong or error has come to his knowledge.

See Parker vs. Pride, of the Valley Lodge, G. L. J., 1892, page 411, and case 141, Dubose vs. Mt. Pulaski Lodge, G. L. J., 1896, page 173.

This committee is, therefore, of the opinion that Bro. Roby has knowingly acquiesced in the action of his Lodge, after full knowledge of his rights, and is now estopped from making the claim now presented to us for consideration.

The action of the Lodge in refusing to pay the benefits claimed is therefore affirmed.

C. B. SAMSON,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY.

CASE NO. 158.

Bro. August Schuman vs. Paul Lodge No. 691. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips, of No. 68.

This case comes to us under peculiar circumstances. It seems from the papers before us, that on May 7th, 1896, Bro. Schuman fell from a wagon in Chicago and, it is claimed, injured himself. He was a member in good standing of Paul Lodge No. 691, of Elgin, Ill. On the 8th of June, 1896, Souvenir Lodge No. 831, of Chicago, notified Paul Lodge of the situation of Bro. Schuman, and Paul Lodge authorized Souvenir Lodge to pay Bro. Schuman five dollars per week sick benefits, from the time he reported himself sick to Souvenir Lodge, and that Bro. Schuman send to his Lodge physician's certificate, etc. No certificate was sent, but instead of such certificate an affidavit of three members of Souvenir Lodge as to the extent of the sickness of Bro. Schuman. This was not deemed satisfactory to Paul Lodge, and the Lodge paid no benefits. It does not appear that any benefits were paid by Souvenir Lodge on account of Bro. Schuman, but the matter was referred to Bro. Mansfield, Grand Master, who suggested that an appeal be taken to this committee. It does not appear that Bro. Schuman ever presented a claim to his Lodge for benefits, neither had Souvenir Lodge ever paid him any benefits, and therefore could have no right to demand repayment from Paul Lodge. It is the duty of a member of a Lodge, if he thinks he is entitled to sick benefits to present to his Lodge his claim in writing, clearly setting out the dates from which and to which benefits are claimed, accompanied by the proper certificate of a qualified physician as to the nature and char-

acter of the illness, and the circumstances attending the same. This enables the Lodge to pay such benefits or to refuse the same, from which action an appeal can be taken. In the case before us, no such action was taken.

It is clear that Paul Lodge No. 691 has never been properly notified of an appeal in this matter, if any appeal has been taken, and it does not seem that this committee has jurisdiction of the case. It is, therefore, considered and ordered that the appeal be and is hereby dismissed without prejudice to any further action which may be taken by either the Lodge or the Brother in the premises.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMSON,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY.

CASE NO. 159.

H. G. Gibbs, et al. vs. O'Fallon Lodge No. 431.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. In case of Bro. Robert Brigham.

Opinion by Bro. Wm. Schuchert, of No. 57.

This is an appeal from the action of O'Fallon Lodge No. 431 in not finding Bro. R. Brigham guilty on charge preferred.

It appears from the record before this committee that the following charge and specifications were preferred against Bro. Robert Brigham:

Charge—We charge Bro. R. Brigham with having deserted his wife and family on or about June 1st, 1896.

Specification 1—That Bro. Robert Brigham deserted his wife and children at Sandoval, Ill.

Specification 2—That two of the children were dangerously ill and unprovided for.

At a regular meeting of the Lodge the charges and specifications were read, and Bro. Brigham pleaded guilty to the charge.

Noble Grand ordered ballot spread on highest penalty, Expulsion, which was not sustained. Ballot was then spread for suspension, which was also declared lost. It was then moved that a fine be assessed to the amount his desertion of family had cost the Lodge. This motion was also lost, and Bro. Robert Brigham was entirely acquitted of the charge against him. From this action of the Lodge the appellants appeal, setting forth their reason for appeal: First, in not inflicting any penalty. Second—That as soon as the accused plead guilty the Noble Grand permitted debate before any ballot was held.

OPINION.

It is held that as the accused plead quilty to the charge, the Lodge should have inflicted some penalty. The appeal is therefore sustained, case remanded back to the Lodge, with instruction to inflict penalty of suspension for not less than six months. Appeal sustained with instruction.

WM. SCHUCHERT,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
HENRY PHILLIPS.

CASE NO. 160.

W. D. Varner, et al. vs. Marsetta Lodge No. 523.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, P. G. R., of No. 232.

This is an appeal from the action of Marsetta Lodge No. 523, expelling Bro. W. D. Varner, a member of said Lodge. The record in this case fails to disclose the various steps taken in the case leading up to the trial. It appears that at some time (the record fails to show when) charges were preferred against Bro. W. D. Varner, charging him "with defrauding his creditors, including members of the Order." Evidence of several witnesses appear to have been taken by a commissioner, but there is nothing in the record to show when, how or by whom such commissioner was appointed or authorized to take evidence. There is no record that the accused was ever cited to appear or ever did appear and plead to the charges. The first Lodge record is that on December 18th, 1896, the case of W. D. Varner was called up. The Prosecuting Committee reported ready for trial, when the attorney for the accused asked for a continuance, which was denied. A motion carried to proceed with the trial. The attorney for accused then asked the Lodge Deputy to stay the proceeding one week, which was refused, and the trial then proceeded. It appears from the evidence that Bro. Varner had been engaged in business at Marsetta, Fulton County, and had became indebted to various parties and that about September 19th, 1896, he left the county without paying his debts, as he had promised to. The evidence of his several creditors was taken by the commissioner, showing the amount due them severally and the promises as to payment made by the accused to them respectively. It is not necessary to give in detail the statements of the several witnesses, as there is no evidence tending to show that any of the debts had been fraudulently contracted. The specification in the charge being as follows: "That he defrauded brothers * * * * * of money due them by absconding on or about September 19th, 1896, with money which should have applied toward paying his creditors."

The evidence further shows that all or nearly all, the accused's debts, were afterwards settled by cash or note, some of them just before the trial. The Lodge record (the only record of proceedings before us) after stating about the applications for continuance, etc., before mentioned, and after the evidence was read to the Lodge, states as follows: "The charges and specifications were then read to the Lodge. The Noble Grand then ordered a ballot on the charge and specification, after which the Noble Grand reported the charges sustained as the result of the ballot. The following resolution was then offered by Bro. F. C. Smith: Resolved, That we proceed to ballot on penalty of expulsion as penalty for charges, which have been sustained against W. D. Varner. The ballot was taken on the above resolution, which resulted in the penalty of expulsion of W. D. Varner from membership from this Lodge."

OPINION.

It will not be necessary to consider the several grounds of appeal to fully dispose of this case. This is clearly a case wherein it is attempted to impose a penalty on the brother for his failure to comply with his promises to pay pecuniary obligations where there was no fraud or deception in contracting or incurring the liability. The Sovereign Grand Lodge have fully settled the law governing this case. The Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of 1879, says, pages 8076-8174: "Members of the Order should not be held amenable to its penalties for a failure to comply with promises to pay pecuniary obligations. Such obligations are generally honestly incurred and promises to pay them made in good faith, and a failure to do so is the more the result of financial misfortune, over which the debtor has no control, than intentional wrong. All grievances of this character are properly referable to the courts of competent jurisdiction, for a full and complete remedy. An attempt to collect debts or to enforce any kind of pecuniary obligation through the instrumentality of our Code of trials is subversive of justice and against the spirit and teachings of our Order, unless, however, the obligation was incurred through some false pretense or the transaction involves some act of personal dishonesty subjecting the offender to a prosecution and conviction under the laws of the land."

We think it unnecessary to refer to more law on this question, as the law fully covers the facts in the case before us. Hence, on the evidence before us on this case there could be no conviction.

But there is another reason why this appeal must be sustained. The record in this case above quoted entirely fails to give the ballot or the number voting for conviction, etc. Section 7, Article VII., Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, provides: "If the charges be sustained in whole or in part by a 'vote of two thirds' of the members entitled to vote on the question, then the accused shall retire to the

ante-room. The Secretary shall then read to the Lodge the charge or charges, or part or parts thereof, that have been sustained, when the Noble Grand, without motion, shall proceed to put to vote the highest order of punishment, etc.* * * and shall so proceed until some order of punishment is agreed to by a 'vote of two-thirds' of the members present."

Section 693, Illinois Code, provides: "The first charge shall be read, then the specifications under said charge shall be read and balloted on in their order. Then the vote should be taken on the charge itself." The Lodge "must vote on each specification separately, and then on the charge." Yet, the record in this case shows that "the Noble Grand ordered a vote to be taken on the charge and specification, after which the Noble Grand reported the charge sustained." How is this committee, the Lodge or any one to know that the accused was legally expelled? The Noble Grand may have declared the accused expelled on a majority vote! We can only know what action the Lodge took from what the record of its proceedings show. We cannot presume anything. The record must show the vote, giving the total number of votes cast, the number for conviction and the number for acquittal. In fact the record of the Lodge must show every step taken in a case from beginning to end, for only by an examination of the record may we know what was done. We cannot go outside of the record to determine what the Lodge did. In this case, many statements are made in the written arguments, as to what was said and done in the progress of the trial, but we cannot decide from such statements. This committee will be governed by the law, the evidence and the record of the Lodge proceedings, as certified to by the Secretary. The law requires Secretaries to make their records full and complete of what transpires in a trial.

The appeal is therefore sustained, the action of the Lodge expelling Bro. W. D. Varner is hereby reversed, and the Lodge directed to restore Bro. W. D. Varner to membership in the Lodge as of the date he was expelled.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
C. B. SAMSON,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
Committee.

CASE NO. 162.

C. Beardsley vs. Central Park Lodge No. 328. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

This is an appeal by Bro. Beardsley in suspending him on March 31st, 1896, for non-payment of dues.

It is shown by the record in this case that on January 1, 1896, the brother was indebted to the Lodge in the sum of ten dollars, for his Second and Third Degrees, which had been conferred without requiring the prepayment of the degree fees.

The appellant had a receipt for dues to January 1st, 1896. The brother had received his degrees in November and December, 1893.

On March 31, 1896, the appellant was dropped for non-payment of dues, he being then present in the Lodge, acting as one of the Supporters to the Vice Grand. It appears that the Noble Grand asked him if he had anything to say, and replied that he had not.

Bro. Beardsley claims that he did not understand the purport of the Noble Grand's inquiry when he made his answer, and did not know that the Lodge had taken any action in his case. In December last he requested the Lodge to reconsider its action, on the ground that the ten dollars due for degree fees could not be counted as dues. The Lodge refusing to take any action, the brother took this appeal.

The Lodge has presented for our consideration the question as to whether an appeal will now lie in this case. It has moved to dismiss the appeal on the ground that it was not taken within three months as provided in Clause 1, Section 791, Illinois Code, 1881.

This committee has investigated and considered this case most earnestly and are of the opinion that the motion of the Lodge to dismiss the appeal is one that we have no right to overlook or ignore. The right to appeal "is gone and cannot be revived." Section 797, Illinois Code, 1881.

The motion to dismiss the appeal is therefore sustained. Appeal dismissed.

C. B. SAMSON,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS.

CASE NO. 163.

E. E. Ott et al.
vs.
Rembrance Lodge No. 77.
} Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, P. G. R., of No. 232.

STATEMENT.

The record in this case shows that on December 8th, 1896, complaint was made in open Lodge against a member thereof, a committee appointed to investigate said complaint.

On December 22d, 1896, said committee made report, "That upon investigation we find that complaint was made without authority." The report was, on motion, received, and the committee discharged. This appeal is from the action of the Lodge receiving the report and discharging the committee.

OPINION.

We are of the opinion that under our law, whether or not charges should be preferred when a complaint has been made, is a question left to the judgment of the committee investigating the complaint, and when in the judgment of the investigating committee there are not sufficient grounds for charges, and they so report, no appeal will lie from their report, as the report is not a final disposition of the complaint, and a new committee may be appointed or new complaint made. This appeal is hereby dismissed.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
C. B. SAMSON,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
Committee.

Judiciary and Appeals Committee I. O. O. F.

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CASE NO. 152.

Bro. H. R. Gould vs. Moline Lodge No. 133. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session.

Opinion by Bro. George F. Howard, P. G. M., of No. 664.

The papers in this case are not properly before this Committee. The Appellant did not take an appeal from the decision of the Lodge Deputy, who decided that the Lodge had done right in fining the Appellant for not attending the funeral of a deceased Brother, as per Section 8 of the By-Laws of the Lodge. The Committee therefore refuse to give an opinion upon the merits of the case for want of jurisdiction.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.

CASE NO. 155.

Bro. Nel Nelson vs. First Swedish Lodge No. 479. { Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session.

Opinion by Bro. George F. Howard, P. G. M., of No. 664.

This is an appeal from the action of the Lodge in refusing Appellant eight (8) weeks sick benefits which he claims are due him for sickness dating from January 29, 1896, up to March 25, 1896, which at seven (7) dollars per week would amount to $56.

This appeal first came before this Committee at the November session, 1896, when an order was made that the Grand Secretary write to the Lodge for a copy of all the records and papers relating to the appeal, and the case continued to the February session of the Committee. At the February session the copy of the Record and all papers in the case had not been received by the Grand Secretary, and the case was again continued to the May session of the Committee, and the same order made for a copy of all the records and papers in the case, to be sent to the Grand Secretary by the Lodge.

It seems as if the Lodge was determined not to furnish the Committee with a copy of the records and all papers in this appeal case, and thus prevent by indirect means the final adjudication of this case.

Your Committee is therefore of the opinion that the Appellant should not be thus kept from receiving his sick benefits by any such means, and the Committee believes that justice demands that an opinion or decision should be given in the appeal case without any further delay. It is therefore the order of this Committee, that the appeal of Appellant be sustained and the Lodge ordered to pay him the sum of fifty-six (56) dollars for eight (8) weeks sick benefits claimed by him and not paid by the Lodge. Appeal sustained, benefits ordered paid.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.

CASE NO. 156.

W. H. Herdman vs. Marion Lodge No. 13.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session.

Opinion by Bro. George F. Howard, P. G. M., of No. 664.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

This is an appeal from the action of the Lodge in refusing to pay benefits, also an appeal from the action of the Lodge in declaring Appellant off the sick list, but as the same evidence appears in both cases, the two appeals will be considered together.

It appears from the record in that case that on December 10, 1895, Bro. Herdman was reported to have been hurt by a fall from a wagon, the N. G. reported that he and Bro. J. G. Varnell had been to visit Bro. Herdman on the day he was hurt and that they had been treated rudely, and that they did not know how he (Bro. Herdman) was at that time.

On Dec. 17, 1895, the Visiting Committee report Bro. Herdman well and $3 due him for one (1) week's sickness from Dec. 6, to Dec. 13, 1895, on motion the report was received and an order issued for the amount, Bro. Herdman duly notified.

On Dec. 24, 1895, Bro. Herdman was present and when the minutes were read did not object to being taken off the sick list. He did, however, claim that he was not well as reported by the Visiting Committee Dec. 13, and demanded an investigation.

On Feb. 18, 1896, Bro. Herdman presented a bill or claim to the Lodge for sick benefits from June 11, 1895, up to Feb. 18, 1896, making a total of thirty-six (36), amounting to $108, from which he deducted $3 paid him Dec. 17, 1895, and $12 paid him Jan. 14, 1896, which makes a total deduction of $15, and left a balance due upon his claim of $93. This claim was referred to the Visiting Committee with instructions to report thereon at the next Lodge meeting.

On March 10, 1896, Bro. Herdman asked for the report of the Visiting Committee, which was not made.

On March 17, 1896, the Visiting Committee reported upon the claim of Bro. Herdman as follows: * * * "Beg to report that we have attended the duties assigned us and report that on Jan. 14, 1896, we reported the Brother well and recommended that he be taken off the sick (report) list, we therefore recommend that the claim be not allowed," signed by the Visiting Committee. On motion the above report of the Visiting Committee was received and adopted.

On March 31, 1896, Bro. Herdman read notice of appeal in the two cases. We give some of the reasons assigned for these appeals:

First—That on the second day of June, A. D., 1894, I was taken sick with rheumatism and at that time I was a beneficiary member of the Lodge and was placed upon the sick list.

Second—That on the eighteenth of September, 1894, the Visiting Committee of said Lodge reported that I was entitled to fifteen weeks sick benefits from June 2, 1894, up to Sept. 18, 1894, and the sum of $45 was ordered paid me by the Lodge from this action an appeal was taken by T. H. McBride et al., to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. Said Committee after due investigation sustained the action of the Lodge and ordered the appeal dismissed and the benefits paid.

Third—That my sickness was continuous and that the Visiting Committee failed to perform its duty by not reporting my case at each meeting of the Lodge. On June 11, 1895, I presented claim to the Lodge for sick benefits from Sept. 18, 1894, up to June 11, 1895, which was referred to the Visiting Committee, said Committee reported: "That I was well and not entitled to benefits." This report was adopted by the Lodge and from said action I took an appeal to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, who sustained my appeal and ordered the benefits paid.

The record shows the following in reference to Bro. Herdman being taken off the sick list:

On Jan. 14, 1896, the Visiting Committee reported, allowing him four (4) weeks benefits, $12, and recommending that he (Bro. Herdman) be taken off the sick list. The report was adopted and the recommendation concurred in.

On Jan. 21, 1896, Bro. Herdman protested against the action of the Visiting Committee and the Lodge in taking him off the sick list against his protest, and asked the Lodge to appoint a Commission to take the testimony in the case.

Bro. W. W. Addison was appointed Commissioner. On Jan. 28, 1896, Bro. Addison was obligated by the N. G. to act as Commissioner.

On March 24, 1896, the report of the Commissioner was read and the protest of Bro. Herdman was not sustained.

On March 31, 1896, Bro. Herdman gave notice of appeal in the two cases.

OPINION.

This trouble between the Appellant and Marion Lodge No. 13, has been before the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals for the past two years, and two reports, have already been written upon the subject. The Committee have very carefully gone over the evidence taken before the Commission as to the sickness of Appellant and they are of the opinion that Bro. Herdman was still sick with the same trouble, viz.: Rheumatism, that he had when he was first taken sick June 2, 1894. In reference to the claim for sick benefits from June 11, 1895, up to Feb. 18, 1896, your Committee is of the opinion that Bro. Herdman is entitled to said benefits, and that the Visiting Committee of said Lodge did not perform its duty, viz., report the condition of every sick Brother to the Lodge at each Lodge meeting. It is therefore considered and adjudged by this Committee that Marion Lodge No. 13, pay to Bro. Herdman the balance due him, after deducting the credit of $15, for the sick benefits claimed by him from June 11, 1895, up to Feb. 18, 1896, and that Bro. Herdman be placed back upon the sick list of the lodge from the date he was taken off by action of the Lodge. Appeal sustained and the Lodge ordered to pay benefits and to replace the Appellant upon the sick list of the Lodge.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.

CASE NO. 158.

August Schuman vs. Paul Lodge No. 691. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

This case comes before this Committee, again on a petition for a rehearing. The former opinion was filed by this Committee at its February session, 1897. The petition for a rehearing was not filed with the Grand Secretary until April 30, 1897.

This Committee has uniformily held that no petition for a rehearing would be considered, unless the same was filed with the Grand Secretary within thirty days from the time of rendering its decision.

At the expiration of said period of thirty days, if no appeal or petition for rehearing is filed with the Grand Secretary, the decision becomes

final and binding, and this Committee loses all jurisdiction of the case. We therefore must refuse to consider the petition filed in this case.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.

CASE NO. 161.

Bro. E. C. Sackett vs. Carrollton Lodge No. 342.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session.

Opinion by Bro. George F. Howard, of No. 664.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

This is an appeal from the action of the Lodge in refusing to pay Appellant sick benefits. The Appellant was a school teacher and followed that profession up to April, 1896, when owing to some complaints made to the School Trustees as to his deafness, Appellant withdrew his application for reappointment. Appellant then obtained employment as a travelling salesman for a publishing house at Buffalo, N. Y., but owing to his poor health found that he could not perform the work required of him and was obliged to abandon the business. Soon after this the Appellant entered the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, and on the fourth day of September, 1896, he sent a claim to his Lodge for sick benefits commencing May 1, 1896, and continuing up to Sept. 4, 1896, this claim was accompanied by a certificate of the surgeon from the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, stating that Appellant had been sick from May 1, 1896, and was still unable to perform any labor. The Appellant also wrote the Lodge that he would take one hundred dollars ($100) and a withdrawal card from the Lodge. The case was upon vote of the Lodge referred to the then Grand Master Bro. C. S. Mansfield, who instructed the Lodge to refuse to pay the sick benefits claimed, which instruction was followed out by the Lodge and the sick benefits claimed by Appellant refused, and from this action of the Lodge the Appellant appeals to this Committee.

OPINION.

The Appellant in this case did not notify his Lodge or the nearest Lodge to his then place of residence when he first became sick and entitled to sick benefits. The By-Laws of the Lodge to which he belonged requires that notice must be given, and that the right to sick benefits shall not accrue when due diligence is not used prior to such notice being sent to the Visiting Committee. Appellant did not notify his own Lodge or the Lodge at Quincy of his sickness until over four months had elapsed since (as he claims) that he was first taken sick. And the Lodge did right to refuse payment of the Appellant's claim. The Lodge had no power to give the Appellant the sum of one hundred dollars and a withdrawal card from the Lodge. The Committee is of the

opinion that Appellant cannot recover benefits prior to the presentation of his claim to the Lodge and that the appeal be dismissed.

Appeal dismissed, action of the Lodge sustained.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.
Committee.

CASE NO. 165.

W. S. Whitacre vs. Fairfield Lodge No. 32 — Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session.

Opinion by Bro. George F. Howard, P. G. M., of No. 664.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

This is an appeal from the action of the Lodge in taking the Appellant off the sick list of the Lodge and also for refusing to pay him sick benefits.

It appears from the record in the case that the Appellant had been on the sick list of the Lodge for about one year prior to Dec. 15, 1896, and had been regularly paid sick benefits up to that time.

On Dec. 1, 1896, the Noble Grand appointed Doctors Hall and Harlan, who were members of the Lodge in good standing to wait upon and investigate the claim of Appellant. These two Brothers were to act with the Visiting Committee of the Lodge.

After an examination, which was made at the home of Appellant at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, on Dec. 15, 1896, the Committee reported to the Lodge that they found Appellant in apparently physical good health, and advised that he be taken off the sick list, and no benefits be paid him from and after the fifteenth day of December, the date of the examination. This report was adopted by the Lodge Dec. 29.

The Appellant was notified of the action of the Lodge and he gave notice of appeal Feb. 1, 1897. The Appellant also sent the Lodge certificates of his condition, signed by Dr. H. S. Plummer and Dr. F. E. McCleave, two reputable physicians of Mt. Vernon, who state that the Appellant is in a very bad condition of health, so much so, that he is not able to perform any manual labor whereby he could earn a living.

OPINION.

As the evidence of the Medical Experts in this case is so very contradictory in its character, the Committee is unwilling to pass upon the merits of the appeal in its present shape. It is therefore ordered that this case be sent back to the Lodge for further investigation. That the N. G. shall appoint a Commissioner, who shall take the evidence both of the Lodge and the Appellant, after notifying both the Lodge and the

Appellant of the time and place of the taking of such testimony, and that the Lodge shall then pass upon such evidence as shall be taken by the Commissioner. Case remanded with instructions.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.
Committee.

F. D. Lewis vs. Ava Lodge No. 672. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

Bro. F. D. Lewis, a member of Ava Lodge, was charged "with refusing to pay a Brother Odd Fellow a certain amount of money due him." The specification set forth the particulars of the alleged offence. No fraud, false pretense or dishonesty was alleged, charged or proven to have been involved in the transaction.

The case appears to have been regularly tried, the Brother was found guilty and the penalty fixed at expulsion, from which action of the Lodge the Brother appeals.

In the opinion of the Committee no cause of action is charged or stated. The charge should have been dismissed by the Lodge, or the Brother acquitted.

"An attempt to collect debts, or to enforce any kind of pecuniary obligation, through the instrumentality of our code of trials, is subversive of justice, and against the spirit and teachings of our Order."

Sov. Grand Lodge Digest 1895, Section 1601, see also Ill. Code, Section 628.

The appeal is therefore sustained and the action of the Lodge reversed, with directions to reinstate the accused to good standing in the Lodge.

Reversed and remanded with directions.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.
Committee.

CASE NO. 167.

Litchfield Lodge, No. 202. vs. Adar Lodge, No. 334. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

The papers in this case appear to have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary to be placed before this Committee for an opinion.

The matter in controversy between the two Lodges, was settled long since. No appeal was taken from the Order of the Grand Master. There is nothing for us to decide. We have no jurisdiction of the case.

It is therefore dismissed.

Action dismissed.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.
Committee.

CASE NO. 171.

J. A. Landes vs. George C. Rankin, G. M. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

This is an appeal taken by Bro. J. A. Landes, a member of Remembrance Lodge No. 77, from the refusal of the Grand Master to appoint the Brother an Official Instructor.

The law relating to Official Instructors is as follows:

"The Grand Master is authorized to appoint a sufficient number of thoroughly qualified and Competent Official Instructors," * * * Ill. 909—(Journal 1885.)

Sup. Ill. Code, Sec. 145 B.

It is admitted that Brother Landes passed a satisfactory examination in the written and unwritten work of the Order.

Under this law the Grand Master is made the sole judge as to whether a Brother is "thoroughly qualified and competent" and as to how many Official Instructors the Order requires, or in other words, constitute a "sufficient number."

This discretion we have no desire to review unless the law clearly authorizes us so to do. In the opinion of this Committee there is no law that would warrant us in reviewing the discretionary acts of the Grand Master. Nor have we been referred to any bearing on the case that would in any wise justify us in so doing.

It appears that after the installation of the Grand Master at the last session of the Grand Lodge, a notice was published in the Fraternal papers, stating that the Grand Master would appoint as Official Instructors all Brothers that passed the required examination and were otherwise duly qualified in every way.

Bro. Landes in the argument before the Committee admitted that if the notice had not been published, that the Grand Master would appoint all duly qualified Brothers as Official Instructors, then this Committee would have no authority to review the acts of the Grand Master in this particular, even if the Brother seeking to be appointed was qualified in every way.

That articles published in newspapers cannot confer jurisdiction on this Committee is to evident to require argument or the citation of authorities.

This Committee must decline to assume jurisdiction in cases not conferred by the law which created it. It is a well established principal of the law that where an executive officer is invested by law with the discretion of doing or not doing a certain act, courts will not interfere to control the exercise of such discretion.

Entertaining as we do the views above expressed, we must dismiss this appeal for want of jurisdiction.

Appeal dismissed.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.
Committee.

Case No. 151—J. H. Preston vs. Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126, I. O. O. F.: "Application for a rehearing continued until the August session of the Committee."

Case No. 168—T. K. White vs. Hiawatha Lodge No. 291, I. O. O. F.: "Taken under advisement until the August session."

Case No. 169—Remembrance Lodge No. 77, I. O. O. F. vs. Bloomington Lodge No. 400, I. O. O. F., in the trial of Bro. J. A. Landes: "Taken under advisement until the August session of the Committee."

Case No. 170—Bro. J. A. Landes et al. vs. Remembrance Lodge No. 77, I. O. O. F.: "Taken under advisement until the August session of the Committee."

Case No. 164—Bro. C. F. Beck vs. I Will Lodge No. 141, I. O. O. F.: "Continued until August session."

Case No. 150—Bro. Dan May et al. vs. I Will Lodge No. 141, I. O. O. F.: "Continued to the August session."

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Judiciary and Appeals Committee I. O. O. F.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION.

August 17, 18, 1897.

CASE NO. 170.

Bro. J. A. Landis et al. vs. Remembrance Lodge No. 77.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. George F. Howard, P. G. M., No. 664.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

This is an appeal taken by the appellant from the action of the Lodge in accepting the report of a special committee appointed to investigate an open complaint made by Appellant against a Brother of said Lodge for abuse of his wife.

The record of the Lodge shows that the open complaint was made at the regular meeting of the Lodge held on April 13, 1897, and was by the Noble Grand referred to a committee to investigate. The complaint charges "Repeated abuse of his wife."

At the next regular meeting of the Lodge, the committee submitted the following report:

Bloomington, Ill., April 20, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of Remembrance Lodge No. 77, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee appointed to investigate the charge against Brother Past Grand H. W. Stillhamer, report that we have fully and fairly investigated the charge and find from the records of the McLean County Circuit Court, that Bro. Stillhamer's wife did obtain a divorce from him on the grounds of cruelty, and we further find from the facts that Bro. Stillhamer and his wife, mutually agreed to a legal separation, and the plea of cruelty was agreed to by them through their attorneys, he agreeing not to appear at the trial of the case, and from all the facts that we could obtain and believing as we do that these charges were instigated and brought in a spirit of malice and spite, and for the purposes of harrowing this Lodge, we therefore recommend that the charges be dismissed.

T. F. RHEA,
W. A. MONROE,
J. H. GOODYEAR.
Committee.

The above report of the committee was, upon motion, adopted, and from this action of the Lodge the Appellant appeals to this Committee.

OPINION.

This Committee has already given an opinion upon a similar case (See Case No. 163) and we do not find any arguments used, or law cited by Appellant in this case, to change the opinion of the Committee as then given. The complaint either open or private is the preliminary step to bring a member of the Order to trial, and the investigating committee, which is appointed by the Noble Grand to investigate said complaint, brings in the charge or charges, or else there is nothing before the Lodge, upon which the Brother can be tried. If the committee fail to prefer charges no rights are lost or any injustice done.

The report is not the final action upon the question, as another complaint can be filed and another committee be appointed; therefore, no appeal can be taken.

The investigating committee is like a grand jury, it cannot be compelled to find an indictment or charges, and without same there can be no trial upon the merits of the case.

The appeal dismissed. Action of the Lodge sustained.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
C. B. SAMSON.

CASE NO. 172.

J. D. Murphy vs. Bushnell Lodge No. 322. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips, of No. 68.

We are of the opinion that this appeal is properly taken to this Committee, the question involved being one of fact. The record shows that Bro. Murphy received an injury upon his left leg on the 9th day of February, 1897. For this injury, no claim for benefits was made. On the 18th of February, 1897, Bro. Murphy claims to have so injured his right leg as to render him unable to attend to his business, and for this latter injury, one week's benefits are claimed from February 18 to February 25. To support this claim, the certificate of his physician is produced, which states that Bro. Murphy was "wholly incapacitated from manual labor of any kind"; also the certificate of Nellie Chambers, which states that she took charge of Dr. Murphy's office from February 18 to 25, and conducted the public telephone, etc., and that Dr. Murphy was unable to perform any manual labor during that period"; also, Bro. Murphy's own evidence.

It appears that Bro. Murphy is a dentist, and keeps the public telephone in his office; admits that he was at his office every day; that his physician directed him to keep off his feet as much as possible; and states that he was riding his bicycle every day during this week with the

exception of one or two days. Five witnesses testify that during all this time from February 18 to 25, Bro. Murphy was upon the street, walking and riding his bicycle; one or two saying he walked a little lame, and others not noticing such lameness. Taking the evidence in the record we are of the opinion that Bro. Murphy has failed to establish his claim, and the appeal herein is dismissed.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
C. B. SAMSON,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
GEORGE F. HOWARD.

CASE NO. 173.

Otis J. Ferrill vs. Relief Lodge No. 452. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. C. M. Samson, of No. 440.

This is an appeal by Bro. Otis J. Ferrill from the action of Relief Lodge in expelling him for contempt.

An open complaint having been made against Bro. Ferrill, a committee was appointed who reported charges and specification on June 11, 1897. A copy of charges and specifications and a citation to appear and answer the same were ordered served upon the Brother, the citation to be returnable at the second meeting thereafter. At the meeting of the Lodge, held on the 25th of June, Bro. Ferrill appeared in the Lodge, when the charges were read and the Noble Grand called upon the accused Brother to plead, guilty or not guilty.

Instead of pleading to the charges, Bro. Ferrill filed with the Lodge a petition for a change of venue, which was received by the Lodge.

The accused declined to plead, stating that he had not come for the purpose of pleading, but only to file his application for a change of venue. The Noble Grand directed the Secretary to read the law relating to change of venue (Sec. 711, Ill. Code. 1881) and again asked the accused to plead to the charges, who replied that the Lodge could not force him into a trial; that he had applied for a change of venue and did not have to answer to his Lodge. After having the law explained to him, he was again for the third time asked to plead, and then warned that he was liable to be expelled for contempt on his refusal so to do. The record shows that upon this third demand being made upon the accused, he told the Noble Grand "that it was none of his business or the Lodge's business whether he was guilty or not," and thereupon the Lodge summarily expelled Bro. Ferrill for contempt.

The only question is, Was the Brother guilty of contempt in refusing to plead, when called upon to do so.

A plea is the Defendant's answer to the charges.

The refusal or willful neglect of a member of a Subordinate Lodge to appear and answer charges preferred against him, constitutes contempt, and renders him liable to punishment therefor. White's Sov. Digest 715 (1895).

In refusing to plead, the Brother clearly placed himself in contempt of the Lodge. The fact that he had deposited with the Lodge an application for a change of venue, does not in any way relieve the Brother from the duty he owed to his Lodge.

The change of venue could only be granted by the Grand Master and might not have been allowed. Whether it was or not could in no wise interefere with the progress of the case in Relief Lodge until after the evidence had been taken and the case was ready for trial. (Sec. 711, Ill. Code, 1881; Sub. Cont., Sec. 19, Article VII).

Until such time as a plea was entered, no commissioner could be appointed, and no evidence could be taken.

It was the duty of the accused to plead when the Noble Grand called upon him to do so. His refusal placed himself in contempt, and the Lodge had the legal right to summarily expel him therefor.

The appeal is without merit, and must be dismissed.

C. B. SAMPSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
GEORGE F. HOWARD.

CASE NO. 174.

In Matter of Appeal of Guiding Star Lodge vs. No. 319.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, August Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips, of No. 68.

From the papers and records in this case we gather the following facts:

At a regular meeting of Guiding Star Lodge No. 319, on April 21, 1897, the petition or application of William Lamb to become a member of the Lodge was balloted upon and the candidate was rejected, and the initiation fee of $5.00 returned to the candidate. Nothing more seems to have been done at that meeting so far as the matter of William Lamb is concerned. Some two or three days after the 21st, the Lodge Deputy called upon the Recording Secretary and directed or requested him to refrain from sending the name of William Lamb to neighboring Lodges as a rejected petitioner or candidate, and this direction or request was complied with, and no rejection notices were sent out. At the meeting of the Lodge on April 28, the Noble Grand declared the

ballot taken on the 21st illegal, and referred the petition or appilcation of William Lamb back to the committee (supposed to be the Committee for Investigation), after which the petition of William Lamb for membership in the Lodge was withdrawn. From the action of the Noble Grand and the Lodge this appeal is taken.

It is difficult to understand how any person filling the office of Noble Grand could be so far forgetful of the law of the Order, as to take, or permit to be taken, such action as the foregoing. The law is clear that when the result of the ballot has been declared, the Noble Grand has no more power or control over it. If error or fraud be charged on the ballot for membership, it may be declared void and a new ballot ordered by the Lodge. But this action must be taken at the same meeting at which the ballot, alleged to be fraudulent or erroneous, was taken. It was clearly the duty of the Recording Secretary to have immediately notified neighboring Lodges and not to have permitted himself, by entreaty or command, to fail in so plain a duty. The Deputy Grand Master of the Lodge must have known that he was doing what he had no right to do, in either directing or requesting the Secretary not to do his duty. The appeal will be sustained, and Guiding Star Lodge No. 319 is ordered to set aside as void and of no effect, all acts and proceedings concerning the matter of the petition or application of William Lamb to become a member of said Lodge, had in said Lodge subsequent to the proceedings of the meeting of said Lodge on April 21, 1897, and that the Recording Secretary of said Lodge forthwith notify all Lodges in the same place where said Guiding Star Lodge No. 319 is situated of the said rejection of William Lamb.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHURCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
GEORGE F. HOWARD.

CASE NO. 179.

Bro. Barrey Thimmig vs. Perry Lodge No. 97.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

This is an appeal by Bro. Thimmig from the action of said Lodge in denying him benefits for fifteen weeks' sickness from December 15, 1896, to April 13, 1897.

It appears from the record in this case that the Brother was reported to his Lodge, as sick, on September 22, 1896; the trouble being some disease of the eyes. Benefits were paid him from time to time up to December 8, 1896.

On December 22, 1896, the visiting committee reported that Bro. Thimmig was not entitled to one week's benefits claimed by him.

At the meeting of the Lodge on December 29, 1896, the question of benefits claimed by Bro. Thimmig was again brought to the attention of the Lodge. At that time Bro. Blanchard, a member of the visiting committee, reported that Bro. Thimmig made the proposition that if the Lodge would allow the three weeks' benefits claimed by the Brother, he (Thimmig) would not claim any more benefits for the disability complained of. Some of the visiting committee approved of this settlement, and, on motion, an order was drawn on the treasurer for the three weeks' benefits.

Nothing more was heard of the case until March 16, 1897, when one of the visiting committee reported that Bro. Thimmig had been to St. Louis to be treated for his eyes and expressed his opinion that the Brother ought to be allowed one week's benefits, being for the time the Brother spent in St. Louis and this amount was paid the Brother.

On June 1, 1897, the bill above mentioned was presented to the Lodge and payment was subsequently refused.

We are of the opinion that the settlement made by the Lodge with Bro. Thimmig of a disputed claim was just and equitable, and that he cannot now be heard to complain, and that he is estopped from making the demand for payment of the bill for benefits above referred to.

This appeal is therefore dismissed and the action of the Lodge in refusing to pay the benefits claimed is approved. Appeal dismissed.

C. B. SAMSON,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
WM. SCHUCHERT.

CASE NO. 178.

Bro. W. A. Ackley vs. Adelphi Lodge No. 8.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1897.

Opinion by George F. Howard, P. G. M., of No. 664.

This is an appeal from the action of the Lodge in not allowing the Appellant sick benefits as claimed by him.

The copy of the records show that on the 31st day of March, 1897, the Appellant was reported sick, and the visiting committee notified.

On April 7, the visiting committee reported that Bro. Ackerly was under the care of a magnetic healer; it was also ordered at this meeting of the Lodge, that Bro. Ackerly be instructed to procure from the Lodge physician (Dr. Weeks) a certificate as to his bodily health.

At the meeting of the Lodge, held April 14, Bro. Ackerly presented the report of the lodge physician, which was accepted, and ordered filed.

It was also ordered "That the visiting committee confer with Dr. Weeks and report to the lodge." After doing so, the visiting committee presented the following report:

"We, the committee, decide that Bro. Ackerly is not entiled to benefit." Signed by the committee.

This report of the committee was, upon motion adopted, and spread upon the records.

At a regular meeting of the Lodge, held on April 28, Appellant was present and made a statement to the Lodge as to his sickness.

A motion to reconsider the case of Bro. Ackerly's sick benefits was made, and upon a point of order being made "That a motion to reconsider could not be made, as one meeting had intervened since the action was taken."

The Noble Grand asked for time in which to decide the point of order, and the whole question was laid upon the table for one week.

At the meeting of the Lodge, held on May 5th, the Noble Grand gave his decision, "That the point of order was well taken."

At the meeting of May 12th, a communication was read from Appellant appealing from the decision of the Noble Grand to the Lodge Deputy Grand Master.

On May 26th, the Lodge Deputy Grand Master gave his decision sustaining the Noble Grand in ruling the point of order well taken, and from this decision, and the action of the Lodge in refusing him sick benefits, the Appellant appeals to this committee. The following are the certificates presented to the Lodge:

This is to certify that I have examined Bro. Ackerly and find some rheumatism in left knee and some in ankles; this seems more weakness of the joints as the result of rheumatism than rheumatism, at present.

(Signed) W. R. WEEKS, M. D.

Chicago, Junt 7, 1897.

This is to certify that on March 22d, Wm. Ackerly placed himself under my treatment for rheumatism and is at present time under my care.

Has been partially able to carry on his business since May 17, 1897.

MRS. FRANK GERISH, Magnetic Healer.

These certificates do not appear to the committee to be sufficiently definite to establish the degree of the sickness complained of or that the Brother was thereby prevented from following his usual vocation or superintending the same to a degree.

We cannot therefore say that the Lodge did not do right in refusing the Appellant the sick benefits claimed.

The Lodge Deputy Grand Master did right in sustaining the action of the Noble Grand upon the point of order.

It is therefore the order of this committee, that the appeal be dismissed and the action of the Lodge be sustained.

Aopeal dismissed.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT.

CASE NO. 127.

David Hecht vs. Charleston Lodge No. 609.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

This is a petition for rehearing.

The law governing motions for rehearing of cases decided by this Committee was clearly laid down in Case No. 35, on page 891, Journal of Grand Lodge 1894, where it is said: "If the petition is based on newly discovered evidence it must clearly appear from the petition that such party has discovered new and important evidence which was unknown to such party and could not have been discovered by the exercise of due diligence before the hearing. Each party should produce before the tribunal trying the case all evidence known or desired before submitting the case for judgment."

In the case under consideration all the so-called, newly discovered evidence was fully known to the petitioner before the trial of the case and should have been produced at the trial. It will not do to submit a case on evidence and judgment, say you have more evidence, all the evidence desired should be offered.

We have fully considered this petition and find nothing under the law or the fact to warrant us in granting a new trial.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
C. B. SAMSON,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
HENRY PHILLIPS.

CASE NO. 168.

T. K. White vs. Hiawatha Lodge No. 291.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

The record in this case discloses that charges of embezzlement and neglect of his family were preferred against the accused, and that he was tried, found guilty and expelled by his Lodge.

But the record entirely fails to give this committee jurisdiction of the case. The law relating to appeals is in full force and effect and must be observed and obeyed just as any other law. It would seem impossible for any one to stray from the line of procedure relating to appeals so clearly laid down in the laws of the Order.

Sec. 791, Ill. Code, 1881, provides that a member expelled by his Lodge may appeal, etc., "by depositing with the Secretary of his Lodge within three months after such sentence shall have been pronounced against him, a notice of appeal with the grounds thereof." He must set forth his

grounds of appeal, in plain, explicit terms, stating the errors, illegalities and injustices of which he complains and against whch he appeals. (See form 39, page 305, Ill. Code, 1881; also page 280 to 283, see case 111 Ill. Journal, 1895, page 103.

Article VI., Sec. 1, Grand Lodge Constitution, provides: "The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals shall have appellate jurisdiction to hear and determine all questions arising by appeal from the action or judgment of any Subordinate Lodge." This Committee is governed by the law and is a court of review. We are, therefore, bound by record of procedure as certified under the seal of the Lodge, and will hear and determine questions of law and fact presented by the record. Whatever action may have been taken or proceedings had by the Lodge, we can only know from what the record shows. We can not indulge in presumptions. The record should show affirmatively that all legal steps have been taken in the course of proceeding. (See Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, Art. VII., Subordinate Lodge Constitution; also Journal of Ill. 1896, Case 111, page 103).

The law having provided how an appeal may be taken from the action or judgment of a Subordinate Lodge, to give this Committee jurisdiction of the case, the law relating to appeals must be followed. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has said, "That a Grand Lodge can not entertain an appeal in disregard of its own laws, nor suspend its laws to entertain an appeal." Journal Sovereign Grand Lodge, pages 3381 and 3468. The Record of this case entirely fails to disclose a notice of appeal or reasons therefor or assign any error as required by law. It does not satisfy the law and give jurisdiction to bundle up a confused mass of papers, documents and copy of records and call it an appeal. The Appellant having failed to give the Lodge notice of appeal, together with reasons thereof, as required by law, to appeal, has been taken, and the judgment of the Lodge must stand, and the case is dismissed from further consideration by this Committee for want of jurisdiction.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
C. M. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
GEORGE F. HOWARD.
Committee.

Case No. 150—Dan Mey and others vs. I Will Lodge No. 141, I. O. O. F., "Appeal withdrawn by Appellants."

Case No. 151—Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 126, I. O. O. F. vs. J. H. Preston, "Petition for rehearing denied."

Case No. 164—C. F. Beck vs. I Will Lodge No. 141, I. O. O. F., "Appeal withdrawn by Appellant."

Case No. 177—August Schumann vs. Paul Lodge No. 691, I. O. O. F., "Continued until the November session."

Case No. 176—A. Low vs. Martinsville Lodge No. 134. I. O. O. F., "Continued to the November session."

CASE No. 169.

Remembrance Lodge No. 77 vs. Bro. Joseph A. Landes. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals—August Session.

Opinion by Brother C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

On the 24th day of November, 1896, charges were regularly preferred against Brother Landes, a member of Remembrance Lodge No. 77. There were two charges, the first being for "slander and libel," under which there were six specifications: the second charge being for "fraud," under which there were three specifications.

At the meeting on Dec. 8, 1896, that being the second meeting after the presentation of the charges, they were read, and Bro. Landes was called upon to plead to the charges, and entered a plea of "Not Guilty."

At the meeting held December 15, 1896, the Secretary was ordered to read the specifications under both charges, and Bro. Landes pleaded "not guilty" to all specifications. A commissioner was then appointed to take the evidence. Subsequently the evidence was taken on behalf of both prosecution and defense. An application having been made for a change of venue on behalf of the defense, the Grand Master changed the venue to Bloomington Lodge No. 400 for trial.

After the evidence had been taken, it, together with the record of Lodge No. 77 relating thereto, was duly transmitted to Bloomington Lodge. Bro. R. L. Fleming, an attorney, had been employed by the prosecuting committee as its counsel, and had appeared for it in the taking of the evidence, etc., and both he and the prosecuting committee were present when the case was called for trial in Bloomington Lodge. Upon the case being called for trial in Lodge No. 400, the charges and specifications were again read, to each of which Bro. Landes a second time pleaded "not guilty."

Immediately thereafter Bro. Landes moved to dismiss charge one and the specifications thereunder. Bro. Fleming then attempted to take the floor as the attorney for the prosecution, to which Bro. Landes objected, on the ground that the records failed to show that Bro. Fleming had been appointed by the Noble Grand of Lodge No. 77 to conduct the trial on behalf of that Lodge. The Noble Grand of No. 400 sustained the objection, notwithstanding the fact that the prosecuting committee then stated that Bro. Fleming had been employed as its counsel to conduct the trial; and to this action of the Noble Grand the prosecuting committee then entered its written protest. The Noble Grand then dismissed charge one as being "vague and indefinite." It does not appear from the records that any motion was made by the defense to dismiss charge two, but after remarks the Noble Grand ruled that charge out of order and dismissed it on account of "want of jurisdiction." From this action an appeal was

taken to this committee. Various errors are assigned, the second, third, fourth and fifth being the only ones that require our consideration.

The second error charges that the Noble Grand and Lodge erred in denying prosecuting committee the aid of counsel on the night of trial.

Third—That the Noble Grand erred in dismissing charge one and all specifications thereunder.

Fourth—That the Noble Grand erred in dismissing charge two and all specifications thereunder.

Fifth—That the Noble Grand erred in dismissing charges one and two and specifications thereunder after the case was called for trial and after the defendant had entered a plea of "not guilty."

It is urged in defense of the action of the Noble Grand in refusing to hear Bro. Fleming, the counsel for the prosecuting committee, that it was necessary for Bro. Fleming to produce written authority from the Noble Grand of Remembrance Lodge before he had any right to be heard; and on this point we are referred to that part of Article VII., Section 20, of Subordinate Constitution, which says: "Upon which removal the prosecuting committee, or some advocate appointed by the Noble Grand of the removing Lodge, may prosecute the case."

Bro. Landes, in his argument before this committee, admitted that the prosecuting committee had a right to prosecute the case in Bloomington Lodge, and had the right to employ counsel to take evidence and conduct the trial in Lodge No. 77, if no change of venue had been had, and this without the consent and authority of the Noble Grand or Lodge. This is undoubtedly the law. Illinois Code 1881, 653; Article VII., Section 3, Subordinate Constitution.

We are of the opinion that, even though a change of venue is granted, the prosecuting committee loses none of its rights relating to the trial. The committee has the legal right to follow and conduct the prosecution in the Lodge to which the venue is changed, and no change of venue can deprive the committee of any of its rights and privileges.

The objection to the appearance of Bro. Fleming was wholly without merit and should have been overruled, and Bro. Fleming, on behalf of the committee, should have been granted a hearing. To refuse him this right was clearly erroneous.

The next question in this case is, Did the Noble Grand err in dismissing the charges after plea of not guilty had been entered and the evidence had been taken? The charges were in form, but it is claimed that the specifications under the first charge were vague and indefinite, and for that reason the Noble Grand dismissed them. We are of the

opinion that specification one under charge one does not state an offense in its present form, and if this specification be true, it would not be sufficient to sustain a finding of guilty.

The allegations in specifications three and four are that "he spoke of Bro. ..... as a damned thief." It is claimed that the words, "he spoke of Bro. ..... as," are not sufficiently definite to fix the offense, and that the exact words spoken should have been set forth. While it would undoubtedly be the better practice to do so, it is hardly to be expected that the words are to be set forth with as great exactness of expression and legal phraseology as in a declaration in an action at law.

The same objection is urged against the use of the word "characterized" in specification five, and the word "charged" in the sixth. These objections are all technical and do not go to the real merits of the case, and should have been raised before plea was entered and the evidence was taken. It is also objected in the argument before this committee that specifications two, three, four, five and six, under charge one, do not state that the article published and words spoken were false and malicious.

The words set forth in the specifications are actionable *per se;* and while it is the better form to charge that they are false and malicious, it would not be neccessary in the first instance for the prosecution to make proof of their falsity, or that they were uttered maliciously. The falsity of the charge is to be implied until the contrary is shown, is a principle of law, and malice in general is to be presumed until the contrary is proved. It would be in better form to allege that the words were falsely and maliciously uttered, but we do not consider it absolutely essential so to do, especially after a plea of not guilty has been entered. In any event, it would devolve on the defendant to justify the uttering of the words charged.

In specifications one and two, under charge two, it was alleged that the defendant obtained goods on "false representation," not alleging in what the false representation consisted. It would have been better to have set forth what the representations were, in order that the evidence might be confined to the direct point of the controversy.

In specification three, under charge two, it is alleged that "on or about the 12th day of August, 1895, he secured the ignature of Bro .....as surety on a note of $150 on false representation of his ability to pay the same." This specification we believe to be sufficient, where a plea of not guilty is entered, although it would have been better to have set forth more in detail to whom the false representations were made and whom the word "his" in the expression of "his ability to pay" refers to. The Noble Grand dismisses charge two for "want of jurisdiction." This was error. Where fraud is charged in transactions between brothers, and is properly set forth in specifications, a Lodge may inquire into it.

The brother who is accused of "false and fraudulent representation," whereby another brother is injured, cannot escape the penalty inflicted by the laws of our Order, on the ground that the other may have a remedy in the civil courts.

These specifications under charge two are not as definite and certain as they should have been, but when properly set forth the Lodge has the clear legal right to pass upon the guilt or innocence of the accused brother.

In view of the error committed by the Noble Grand of Bloomington Lodge, we must reverse and remand this case to said Lodge for trial, with leave to the prosecuting committee to amend and make more certain such of the specifications as now appear to be somewhat indefinite and uncertain. That upon the trial of said case in said Bloomington Lodge said committee be allowed to prosecute in person, and by counsel, if they so desire. Reversed and remanded.

C. B. Samson,
Henry Phillips.
R. W. S. Wheatley,
Wm. Schuchert,
George F. Howard.

Judiciary and Appeals Committee, I. O. O. F.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH SESSION.

November 16, 1897.

CASE NO. 175.

Covenant Lodge No 48 vs. William Kimmerly. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November session.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

This is an appeal from the action of the Lodge expelling Bro. Kimmerly.

From the record it appears that at a regular meeting of the Lodge April 19th, 1897, charges were preferred against Bro. Kimmerly, as follows:

"*Charge 1st*—We charge Bro. William Kimmerly with disgracing the Order.

"*Specification 1st*—That he was intoxicated on the evening of February 14, 1897, when he returned from Glasford with a casket for the remains of his wife.

"*Specification 2d*—That at the funeral of his wife, February 15, 1897, he was intoxicated.

"*Specification 3d*—That on the night following the burial of his wife he attended a dance, and while there was staggering drunk."

The defendant was duly cited to appear and plead to the charges and specifications, and did appear, and plead "not guilty." A commissioner was regularly appointed to take evidence, which was in due time reported to the Lodge. The proceedings leading up to the trial appear to have been regular. The trial was had and resulted in the expulsion of the defendant; from which action of the Lodge in expelling the defendant appeals, and assigns for his appeal the following reasons:

"*First*—Did not have a fair and impartial trial.

"*Second*—The Lodge having two professional lawyers acting as Noble Grand and Vice Grand in prosecuting the case.

"*Third*—Evidence stating that my family was neglected on account of my want of drink, which is absolutely false."

The record in this case is quite voluminous. Considerable evidence was taken on both sides. However, for the purpose of disposing of the case, it is unnecessary for us to do so, and we refrain from commenting on the evidence. We discover nothing of record indicating any unfairness in the proceedings, neither can we discover any objections to the conduct of the Noble Grand or Vice Grand.

There is some evidence relating to the neglect of his family by the defendant. However, under the charges and specifications in this case, we hold such evidence not proper, inasmuch as the evidence should be in support of or refutation of the charges and specifications; all evidence should be confined and limited to the issues made by the charges and specifications. "Charges and specifications must not be vague; they should set forth definitely some offense with sufficient clearness *in the specifications* to enable a brother to know to what he is to answer."—Ill. Code 1881, Sec. 668.

The charge in the case at bar is "disgracing the Order"; but each specification is for intoxication, hence the evidence should have been confined to the question of intoxication.

Section 10, Article VII, Constitution, says: "The only legal penalties for misconduct are fine, reprimand, suspension, and expulsion. Fine is not allowed as a penalty for violation of the principles of the Order."

Section 11, of Article VII, Constitution, provides: "The penalty for intoxication is reprimand for the first offense, suspension for the second, and expulsion for the third; *and no other penalties are legal.*"

Section 12, Article VII, Constitution, provides: "When a definite penalty is fixed by the law for any offense, a brother convicted thereof is sentenced without further vote," etc.

In this case there is nothing in the record to show that the brother had ever before been convicted on a charge of intoxication. Hence, under the law, on conviction for the first offense, reprimand was the only penalty the Lodge could inflict, and under no circumstances could the Lodge expel for intoxication unless the record shows it to be the third conviction on a charge of intoxication.

The specifications in this case only charging intoxication, and there being nothing in the record of former convictions of that offense, all the Lodge could do was to reprimand; under the record of this case it was error to expel the brother.

The appeal is therefore sustained, the action of the Lodge expelling the brother is reversed, and the cause remanded back to the Lodge with instructions to reinstate the accused and proceed to inflict the penalty provded by law—that of reprimand

R. W. S. Wheatley,
Henry Phillips,
Wm. Schuchert,
George F. Howard,
C. B. Samson.

CASE NO. 180.

James Anderson vs. Raymond Lodge No. 476. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

Bro. James Anderson, formerly a member of Raymond Lodge, complained to the Grand Master that he had been illegally dropped for non-payment of dues in July, 1894, claiming that at the time of such dropping he was nine months in arrears.

The brother bases his contention on the admitted facts that, Oct. 4, 1891, the Lodge granted him a visiting card for one year, that is, to Oct. 4, 1892, and that on May 6, 1893, he paid the Lodge $3.90, being dues for three quarters, and that on Oct. 28, 1893, he paid the further sum of $1.30; and these amounts, the brother contends, paid his dues in full to Oct. 1, 1893.

The Lodge records, however, show that at the time the card was issued an error was committed, and that the card should have been issued for only about five months instead of one year.

While it is true the brother paid $5.20 (one year's dues) for his card, yet when the card was issued, the amount thus paid was $2.95 short of paying the brother's dues to Oct. 1, 1892.

The brother has filed with the record three notices that he received from the Secretary of the Lodge, dated Jan. 1st, April 1st and July 1st, 1894, all showing that the Lodge claimed the brother was indebted for dues from July 1, 1893.

The brother appears to have protested to the Secretary that the notices were incorrect, and then allowed the matter to drop, and did not pay any of the dues claimed.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. Chas. M. Lytle a special deputy to investigate the complaint; and on the facts above stated, he reported that, in his opinion, the brother had been legally dropped, and recommended that the case be dismissed. That report was approved by the Grand Master, who then dismissed the complaint.

We are of the opinion that the Grand Master's finding, upon the facts shown by the record, was correct, and that same should be approved, and the appeal be dismissed.

Action of the Grand Master sustained, and appeal dismissed.

C. B. Samson,
Wm. Schuchert,
R. W. S. Wheatley,
Henry Phillips,
George F. Howard.

CASE NO. 182.

Mt. Pulaski Lodge No. 454 vs. Geo. W. Connelley. { Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

STATEMENT.

It appears from the record in this case that, in August, 1897, written complaint was filed by Bro. Dubose against the defendant, charging him with engaging in the business of bartender, etc. A committee was appointed to investigate the complaint, and on the 7th day of September, 1897, said investigating committee made report to the Lodge "That they found no grounds for charges"; which report was received and the committee discharged.

September 14th, 1897, M. A. Dubose (who had made the complaint in August) refiles his complaint; and, on motion, the complaint was laid on the table by the Lodge. On September 21st, 1897, the same brother files again the same charges in substance, with the addition that the accused had stated that "he did not care what the Lodge would do or say."

A committee was appointed to investigate the last complaint, and on October 13th, 1897, said committee reported, "That we find Bro.

Connelley guilty of using language as charged, and recommend him to the mercy of the Lodge, as we are confident that he would not have used such language had he not, in our opinion, been persecuted by Bro. Dubose in further charges brought against him, which were of no consequence further than to show he wished to make things as unpleasant for the Lodge and Bro. Connelley as possible. We are of opinion that a reprimand would be more than enough as punishment for the accused brother." Whereupon the Noble Grand reprimanded Bro. G. W. Connelley for using language unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

OPINION.

There are several reasons why this appeal cannot be entertained.

First.—The law is well settled that to take an appeal from the action of the Lodge the appellant must "file with the Secretary of the Lodge, within three months after such sentence or judgment shall have been pronounced, a notice in writing of appeal, with the grounds thereof."—Code 1896, Sec. 1998.

One brother can appeal from the action of his Lodge only when he has been "deprived of some right, honor, privilege, or benefit." In all cases in which three members of a Lodge shall regard the action of the Lodge as "illegal or unjust," they may appeal.

In the case at bar there is no notice of appeal or reasons given for appeal, no assignment of error, and the appeal appears only to have been taken by Bro. Dubose alone, as it appears from a statement in the record by the Secretary.—Secs. 1998, 1999 and 2000, Code 1896; Form of Appeal, Sec. 2007, Code 1896. Verbal notice of intention to appeal is not sufficient.—Case 111, Journal of 1896, page 103.

"No appeal may be taken from the report of an Investigating Committee," etc.—Sec. 1870, Code 1896.

We are of opinion that no appeal was proper in this case; and if an appeal had been proper, it could not be taken by one member, unless he was deprived of some right, honor, privilege, or benefit. No appeal was taken as provided by law, giving reasons and assigning errors.

Therefore, the supposed appeal in this cause is hereby dismissed.

R. W. S. Wheatley,
Wm. Schuchert.
Henry Phillips,
C. B. Samson,
George F. Howard,
Committee.

CASE NO. 183.

Galesburg Lodge No. 142 vs. A. H. Marsh. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

STATEMENT.

This is an appeal by Bro. A. H. Marsh from the action and judgment of the Lodge in expelling the accused.

The charges are irregular and informal.—Secs. 1871, 1872 and 1873, Ill. Code 1896. There are three specifications, charging in substance that the defendant did, about the month of August, 1895, at Galesburg, Knox county, Illinois, without cause or justification, abandon his wife and two children under the age of 12 years, and neglect to support the same, etc.

It appears from the record that on Oct. 11, 1897, parties appeared and announced themselves ready for trial, and that the witnesses were duly obligated by the Noble Grand, and the evidence heard in open Lodge, except one witness, who was not a member of the Order, whose evidence was taken in deposition form, and was read before the Lodge after the evidence for the Lodge was all heard. The defendant offered some *ex-parte* statements from parties in Texas, which were considered by the Lodge, and not made a part of the record, but placed on file with the papers.

The record shows: "The charges again read to the Lodge, a vote on specifications Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were separately taken, and each was sustained by the Lodge. A vote on the charges was taken, and they were sustained by the Lodge. The charges and specifications being sustained against Bro. A. H. Marsh, the Lodge proceeded to vote on the highest penalty, which was expulsion. A vote being taken, and the ballot being in the affirmative, Bro. Marsh was declared by the Noble Grand expelled from Galesburg Lodge No. 142, I. O. O. F."

The defendant filed his appeal in writing, and assigns the following reasons and errors:

"First—Improper evidence was admitted upon the trial of said cause."

"Second—Evidence was not in accord with the charges and specifications."

"Third—Verdict was not according to the evidence."

"Fourth—Verdict was contrary to law."

"Fifth—Trial was improperly conducted."

"Sixth—Defendant was not properly served with notice of charges and specifications before trial."

OPINION.

The first error assigned by the appellant is that "improper evidence was admitted." A very considerable portion of the evidence taken in this case is directed to the habits of the accused as to drinking to excess, etc. This was not proper, inasmuch as there is no charge or specification relating to or setting up the offense of intoxication. *Ex-parte* statements, taken without notice or opportunity to cross-examine, are not proper evidence. It is a well-settled rule of law that all the evidence should be confined to the issue made by the charges and specifications, and should not go outside of the issue being investigated under the charges and specifications.

Case No. 151, page 178, Grand Secretary's Report, 1897; Secs. 1914, 1915, 1923, 1927, Code 1896.

The same applies to the second error assigned. For reasons hereinafter stated, we do not deem it best to discuss the the third and fourth errors assigned, for the reason that there may be further proceedings by the Lodge.

The fifth error assigned is "that the trial was improperly conducted."

Section 7, Article VII, of the Constitution, provides that charges and specifications must be sustained in whole or in part by a *two thirds vote.* The punishment must be fixed by a *two-thirds vote*, etc The record should show the number of votes cast, both for and against.

See Case No. 88, page 70, Ill. Jour. 1895.
Case No. 110, page 123, Ill. Jour. 1896.
Case No. 140, page 169, Ill. Jour. 1896.
Case No. 151, page 178, Ill. Jour. 1897.
Sec. 7, Art. VII, Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

The records of the Lodge must show strict compliance with the law, and no presumption of fair dealing can be had when the record fails to show it. (Sec. 1927, Ill. Code 1896.) Yet the record before us shows "a vote on specifications Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were separately taken, and each were sustained by the Lodge." The same as to the punishment: "A vote being taken, and the ballot *being in the affirmative*, Bro. Marsh was declared expelled," etc.

The record, therefore, fails to show a legal vote, and we cannot indulge the presumption that the legal *two-thirds vote* favored sustaining the charges or fixing the punishment. (Sec. 1927, Ill. Code 1896.)

We refrain from further comment on the evidence, for the reason that the cause must be remanded back to the Lodge for further proceedings.

The appeal is sustained, and the cause is remanded back to the Lodge for new trial in conformity with the law, with leave to file new or amended charges and specifications, and take new and other evidence, after giving due notice to the accused.

Reversed and remanded.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
C. B. SAMSON,
GEO. F. HOWARD,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
Committee.

CASE NO. 184.

Geo. W. Ross vs. Dahlgren Lodge No. 486. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

STATEMENT.

This is an appeal from the action of the Grand Master.

It appears from the correspondence between the Grand Master, the Lodge, and the brother, that Bro. Ross joined the Lodge in April, 1879, and remained a member of said Lodge until May 30, 1885, when he was dropped for non-payment of dues, and so remained until Aug. 1, 1891, when he petitioned the Lodge for re-instatement and was admitted. No complaint seems to have been made by the brother until within about a year, when it appears that he claimed that he was illegally dropped for N. P. D. in 1885, and asked the Lodge to make its record show that he had been illegally dropped. This the Lodge refused to do. The matter was taken up with Grand Master Rankin, who investigated the case fully and carefully. On April 13, 1897, Grand Master Rankin gave the following opinion:

"*D. M. Garrison, Secretary No. 486:*

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have examined the papers submitted to me in the case of G. W. Ross, and I am unable to find anything that indicates that he was improperly dropped for non-payment of dues in 1885. If there was any illegality in that proceeding, it seems that he would have known it and would have objected at that time, or within a reasonable time thereafter. There is no evidence, however, of any objection on his part or by any one for him. In August, 1891, Bro. Ross made application for re-instatement, and made no complaint then that he had been illegally dropped, and made no such claim until within a year ago. Taking the records as they have been submitted to me, and all the circumstances, I am of opinion that there

is no ground for Bro. Ross's complaint, and that he was properly and legally dropped from membership in 1885. You will communicate this opinion to the Lodge, and also to Bro. Ross.

"Fraternally yours,
"GEO. C. RANKIN, G. M."

Bro. Ross appeals from this decision of the Grand Master.

We are of the opinion that the decision of the Grand Master should be confirmed. We can find no error to base a different conclusion on. We are further of the opinion that the action of Bro. Ross in allowing the matter to rest so long would create grave doubts as to the merit of his complaint, and his voluntary action petitioning for re-instatement is a conclusive bar to further complaint on his part. Had he never been legally dropped, then he could not be legally re-instated; and by his petition for re-instatement he admits the legality of the action of the Lodge dropping him.

Therefore, the appeal is dismissed, and the action and judgment of the Grand Master is affirmed.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
GEO. F. HOWARD,
C. B. SAMSON,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT.

CASE No. 185.

Bro. L. B. Witter et al. vs. Black Hawk Lodge No. 776. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

This is an appeal from the action of the Lodge acquitting Bro. A. Walley.

STATEMENT.

In July, 1897, the following charges and specifications were preferred against Bro. A. Walley, a member of Black Hawk Lodge, No. 776.

"*Charge First*—We charge Bro. A. Walley with being a bar-tender in Wooster's saloon, in the village of Capron, Ill.

"*Specification First*—That during the months of May and June, 1897, while in the employ of Bro. N. H. Wooster, Jr., he was tending bar in said Wooster's saloon.

"*Specification Second*—That on the 5th day of July, A. D. 1897, he was bar-tender in Wooster's saloon, and during most of the month was engaged in the same business."

August 20, 1897, the accused "plead not guilty" to the charges. The Noble Grand appointed H. B. Stevenson commissioner to take the evidence.

September 3, 1897, it was moved and seconded by H. L. Puffer and L. E. Chamberlain that the case of Bro. A. Walley be dismissed, as the law referring to such cases was made after Bro. Walley became a member of the Order. The Noble Grand declared said motion out of order. Bro. Puffer appealed to the Lodge, and the Noble Grand declared Bro. Puffer out of order.

September 17, 1897, the evidence in the case was read, and after argument, "the ballot was then spread and found to contain twenty-two white balls and eleven black balls, and the Noble Grand declared the charges *not* sustained against Bro. A. Walley."

September 24, 1897, three members of the Lodge filed notice of appeal, and assigned the following errors:

"*First*—The findings of the Lodge are contrary to evidence.

"*Second*—The Lodge ignored the opinion of the Grand Sire on the constitutional amendment prohibiting saloon-keepers and bar-tenders from becoming members of the Order, which was approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge; therefore the findings were contrary to law."

OPINION.

It will not be necessary to consider the evidence in detail to dispose of the case.

Under our law, "No saloon-keeper, bar-tender, or professional gambler, shall be eligible to membership in this Order."—Section 5, Article XVI, Constitution Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Under Section 5, Article XVI, Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution, "A brother is liable to charges who, not being engaged as a saloon-keeper or bar-tender at the time the law was passed, has since engaged in it; so, also, when a brother gives up the business, he cannot again return to it without violating the law."—Sec. 1832, Ill. Code 1896; Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal, pages 14681 and 15019.

A Grand Lodge *has no power* to say that those engaged in the saloon business, or as bar-tender, when Section 5, Article XVI, amendment, was passed are guilty of such conduct and subject them to it.—Decision of the Grand Sire, page 187, Ill. Journal, 1896.

"A brother who was a member of a Lodge and a bar-keeper when the amendment to Section 5, Article XVI, Constitution of Sovereign Grand Lodge, went into effect, can take a withdrawal card and continue in such employment; another Lodge may admit him to membership, he being already a member of the Order.—Twenty-eighth decision of Grand Sire, page 248, Ill. Journal, 1897.

Hence it appears from the law that the amendment above cited referring to saloon-keepers and bar-tenders does not affect the rights of a brother engaged in the business at the time such amendment took effect; in other words, the amendment does not affect vested rights.

In the case at bar there is nothing in the charges or the specifications showing how long Bro. Walley had been employed as a bar-tender, or whether he was so engaged at the time said amendment went into effect, or had gone out of the business and had re-engaged in it. The charge is "with being a bar-tender," etc. If he had not been engaged in such business before the time charged, then the charge should allege that he *engaged* in such business; or if he had been so engaged and quit the business and again engaged therein, it should be so stated in the charges and specifications. It is not sufficient to charge him with *being* "a bar-tender"; sufficient must be stated to show that the law is applicable to him. The charges and specifications fail to show an offense under the law. We may further say that there is no evidence that Bro. Walley was, at the time mentioned in the specifications, *employed as a bar-keeper.* The strongest view that can be taken of the evidence is that he sometimes waited on customers in a saloon; but there is no evidence to the effect that he was employed for that business, and we have no right to indulge in presumptions.

But there is another and more serious reason why the judgment cannot stand. The Lodge Record, September 17th, 1897, is as follows: "The testimony in the case of Bro. A. Walley was read and Bro. John Lascells spoke on behalf of the prosecution, and Bro. Robert Wright for the defense. The ballot was spread and found to contain twenty-two white balls and eleven black balls. The Noble Grand declared the charges not sustained against Bro. A. Walley."

Sections 7 and 8 of Article VII, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, provide how the vote shall be taken by a Lodge, and the Constitution must be followed.

First—"The charge should be read, then the specifications under said charge should be read and balloted on in their order."

"A Lodge must *ballot on each specification separately*, and then on the charges."

"The records of the Lodge must show the number of balls cast for and against the accused upon *each charge* and *specification.* It should show the number of voting members present and entitled to vote."—Sections 1933 and 1934, Illinois Code 1896.

"All votes taken under the provisions of this Article (Ill. Sub. Const. Art. VII) shall be by ballot with balls."—Sections 1938 and 1939, Illinois Code 1896.

"The Noble Grand should carefully explain before the balloting that a *white ball* is to be cast for conviction, or for the penalty under consideration, indicating the affirmative of the question; and that a black ball is against sustaining the charges, or against the penalty, indicating the negative," etc.—Section 1940, Illinois Code 1896; Illinois Journal, Vol. VII, page 510. Numerous decisions of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals might be cited to same effect.

Here we have a record before us which fails entirely to follow the law relating to balloting. If the Noble Grand followed the law and the ballot was legal, then the brother was expelled, for there were 22 white, and 11 black balls; but the record fails to show any vote on the specifications separately. Yet, in the face of the ballot, the Noble Grand declares the charges not sustained, when there is a two-thirds ballot for conviction. However, the record fails to show that a legal ballot was taken as required by the law. We can not indulge presumptions. The record must show affirmatively that the proceedings were regular and in conformity to law; and the record before us shows that the proceedings were irregular and illegal.

For the errors indicated, the judgment can not stand. The appeal is therefore sustained and the case dismissed without prejudice, so that further proceedings may be had, if so desired by the Lodge, in conformity with law.

Appeal sustained and case dismissed.

R. W. S. Wheatley,
Geo. F. Howard,
Wm. Schuchert,
Henry Phillips,
C. B. Samson.

CASE No. 186.

George C. Rankin, G. M.,
vs.
Kossuth Lodge, No. 569.

{ Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

On the 29th day of September, 1897, the Grand Master, through his special deputy, W. H. Bean, arrested the charter of Kossuth Lodge for neglecting and disregarding the orders of the Grand Master relating to the payment of certain benefits to Bro. T. V. Javorsky, a member of said Lodge.

Thereupon the Grand Master, on October 9, 1897, filed with the Grand Secretary charges against said Lodge, in accordance with Section 1 of Article IX of the Grand Lodge Constitution. The officers

and trustees were duly notified of the Grand Master's action, and also of the fact that he had fixed November 16, 1897, as the day when the case would be tried by the Judiciary and Appeals Committee.

A Commissioner was duly appointed to take evidence relating to the charges made by the Grand Master, which evidence, taken in legal form, was presented and considered by your committee.

In the charges filed by the Grand Master, as above stated, it was charged that said Lodge had violated the principles of the Order in that it had refused to pay sick-benefits legally due Bro. Javorsky, a member of said Lodge in good standing, and that they refused to obey the commands of the Grand Master to pay such benefits, etc.

The evidence taken by Commissioner and presented and considered by this committee fully sustains the charges made by the Grand Master, and your committee are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Master therein should be approved, and that the charter of said Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, should be revoked.

There also appeared before your committee, by their agents, the following-named members of said Lodge, in good standing, who entered their appearance and a plea of not guilty to the charges preferred against said Lodge, viz:

Hy. D. Kurtz, M. Van Gelder, Thomas V. Javorsky, A. Rosenthal, A. Brodsky, and David H. Stern.

Your committee heard the evidence offered on behalf of each of said brothers, and are of the opinion that Hy. D. Kurtz, M. Van Gelder, Thomas V. Javorsky, A. Rosenthal and A. Brodsky were in fact innocent of the offenses charged by the Grand Master, and that each of said brothers last named should be and is acquitted thereof, and that the Grand Secretary issue a card to each of said brothers last named as in case of a defunct Lodge.

That as to the case of Bro. David H. Stern, your committee are not fully satisfied as to his innocence, and this committee have continued the further hearing on this case to the February session, 1898, of this committee, with leave to present further evidence in his behalf.

C. B. Samson,
Henry Phillips,
R. W. S. Wheatley,
George F. Howard,
Wm. Schuchert.

CASE No. 186.

SUPPLEMENTAL.

George C. Rankin, G. M., vs. Kossuth Lodge, No. 569. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

Opinion by Bro. George F. Howard, P.G.M., of No. 664.

There appeared before your committee, by his agent, Bro. John R. Cook, a member of said Lodge in good standing, who entered his appearance and a plea of "not guilty" to the charges preferred against said Lodge.

Your committtee heard the evidence offered on behalf of said brother, and is of the opinion that Bro. John R. Cook was in fact innocent of the offense charged by the Grand Master, and that said brother should be and is acquitted thereof, and that the Grand Secretary issue a card to said Bro. John R. Cook as in case of a defunct Lodge.

George F. Howard,
R. W. S. Wheatley,
Henry Phillips.

CASE NO. 187.

Leopold Hilb vs. Morris Levit, Lodge Deputy. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

It appears from the record before us, that Bro. S. Wolf, a member of Washington Lodge, was fined $2.00 for not visiting two sick brothers, and 50 cents for not reporting thereon. At a subsequent meeting of the Lodge, Bro. Wolf reported that he had visited both of the sick brothers for which the fines had been imposed, and that he was prevented from reporting at the prior meeting by reason of sickness in his own family.

The Lodge refused to excuse him, and he appealed to the Lodge Deputy, who decided that, under the by-laws, the Lodge did wrong in not remitting the fines. From the decision of the Lodge Deputy Bro. Hilb appealed to the Grand Master, who, after a full investigation of the facts, held it was the duty of the Lodge to release Bro. Wolf from the fines that had been imposed, and ordered that the appeal to him be dismissed and that the fines be remitted. From the decision of the Grand Master Bro. Hilb appealed, and the record is sent to this committee.

Waiving the question of the right of Bro. Hilb to appeal from the decision of the Grand Master to this committee, we are of the opinion that the Grand Master was justified by the facts in deciding that the

fines imposed upon the brother should be remitted. His decision is approved, and it is ordered that this appeal be and it is hereby dismissed.

C. B. Samson,
R. W. S. Wheatley,
George F. Howard,
Wm. Schuchert,
Henry Phillips.

CASE NO. 190.

A. W. Wexelberg vs. Fort Dearborn Lodge No. 214. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

STATEMENT.

This is an appeal by Fort Dearborn Lodge from the judgment of the Grand Master, directing said Lodge to pay certain benefits to Bro. A. Wexelberg, a member of said Lodge. It appears from the files in this case that in March, 1893, Bro. Wexelberg applied to his Lodge for benefits on account of nervous trouble produced by hemorrhoids. An operation was performed on the brother, and soon thereafter he was taken to the Garfield Sanitarium, where he was again operated on, and in four weeks he was sent home apparently cured. In about one week he was returned to said sanitarium in a condition similar to when he was first taken there. After three weeks' further treatment he seemed perfectly well, and was again sent home. This sanitarium was conducted by Dr. Skiles, and was not a hospital for insane. This sickness of Bro. Wexelberg continued for twenty-three weeks, during which time the Lodge paid him benefits to the amount of $108. On or about Sept. 5, 1893, he was reported by the Visiting Committee as well, and was by the Lodge declared off the sick-list, and benefits discontinued. The brother was duly notified that he had been declared off the sick-list. No complaint or objection was ever made of the action of the Lodge declaring him off the sick-list or stopping the payment of benefits.

The brother kept pnying dues until about September, 1895, making no claim for benefits, and after which date no dues were paid. About June, 1896, Mrs. Wexelberg, wife of the brother, wrote to the Lodge stating that the brother had been confined in the Hospital for Insane at Elgin since June 3, 1896. About June 16, 1896, the Noble Grand of Fort Dearborn Lodge, wrote Mrs. Wexelberg, and informed her that Bro. Wexelberg had paid no dues since January, 1896, and was therefore not entitled to benefits.

On June 23, 1896, Mrs. Wexelberg wrote to Bro. E. E. Siblet, a member of Cook County Lodge, and complained that she had not heard from Fort Dearborn Lodge, etc. Again, on June 25, 1896, she wrote Bro. Siblet the following letter:

"June 25, 1896.

MR. SIBLET:

KIND SIR:—Today I received a few lines from Fort Dearborn Lodge informing me that there was no dues (benefits) due me, as I had not paid my dues since Jan. 15. I have all my receipts to that time, and have always paid when I have been notified. Since they have not sent me any due-bill, they are to blame, and it is not my loss. But they have not even sent any one to me to know whether I am in want or not. I think they are trying pretty hard to get out of helping me to what is justly due me. Have you had any word as yet? I shall not let this month pass by. Please let me hear from you, and oblige

MRS. WEXELBERG."

About September 1st, 1896, Cook County Lodge addressed a letter to the Grand Master calling attention to the case, stating that Cook County Lodge considered it necessary to call attention of Fort Dearborn Lodge to the case; and thereupon Fort Dearborn appointed a brother to investigate the cause. The result of the matter was that Grand Master Rankin appointed Bro. R. G. Stripp Special Deputy to investigate the case. In May, 1897, Bro. Stripp made a report to the Grand Master. It appears that the investigation made by Special Deputy Stripp was purely *ex parte*. He called on Mrs. Wexelberg and got her statement without notice to Fort Dearborn Lodge, which statement was not under the sanctity of an oath or obligation; he also called on Fort Dearborn Lodge and requested a history of Bro. Wexelberg dating back to March, 1893, together with copies of all documents, certificates, etc., bearing on the case, which was furnished. (Special Deputy Stripp came before this committee and admitted that he had not notified Fort Dearborn Lodge that he would take the statement of Mrs. Wexelberg, and that her statement was not under oath or obligation, etc.)

The certificate of physician reported by Special Deputy is as follows:

"ENGLEWOOD, ILLINOIS.

"This is to certify that Mr. A. Wexelberg, of 7310 Yale Avenue, has been insane since Janury, 1893; he has not been confined to an asylum all the time, but should have been. At no time during the time intervening between that time and this has he been sane.

"CORA E. TAYLOR, M. D."

We find also among the papers the following certificate:

"CHICAGO, ILL., September 1st, 1897.

"Mr. A. W. Wexelberg was referred to me and sent to Garfield Park Sanitarium in 1893, on account of nervous trouble produced by hemorrhoids. He was operated on and in four weeks sent home apparently cured of his trouble. In one week he was returned to the

Sanitarium in a very excited condition, similar to what he was at first. After three weeks he seemed well and was again sent home, since which time I have not seen him.

"H. P. SKILES, M. D."

Grand Master Rankin, after receiving the report of Bro. Stripp, Special Deputy, sent the following letter to Fort Dearborn Lodge Deputy:

"DEAR BRO.: I have just received the report and recommendation of Robert G. Stripp, Special Deputy, in the matter of the claim of Wexelberg against your Lodge. From all the evidence in the case, I am led to believe that Fort Dearborn Lodge erred in declaring Bro. Wexelberg off the sick-list at the time it did. I think he was entitled to benefits, and that he should be paid by your Lodge the amount of benefits due him since your last payment up to the present time, less the amount due the Lodge for quarterly dues, etc. You will instruct your Lodge to act in accordance with this opinion and report to me.

"Trusting that your Lodge wishes to do what is right and proper in this case, and will not see the brother and his family suffer longer,

"I am fraternally yours,

"GEO. C. RANKIN,

"Grand Master."

On motion, the Lodge took an appeal from the judgment of the Grand Master, and assigns the following errors:

"*First*—The Grand Master erred in issuing said order in this: That no appeal had ever been legally taken from the action of the Lodge in this case; that no notice of appeal from its action in the premises has been given or attested by Fort Dearborn Lodge, nor has said Lodge ever been requested to attest or forward such appeal; that no trial has been asked for by or on behalf of Bro. Wexelberg as to his right to benefits.

"*Second*—That the said order of the Grand Master is contrary to the evidence that was before him, and said order is not justified by the facts in the case.

"*Third*—That in this matter Fort Dearborn Lodge had a legal right to be heard, to secure witnesses, to examine and cross-examine witnesses, to have an opportunity to bring in its records—all of which rights have been denied the said Lodge. There has been no trial, only an *ex-parte* examination. No complaint has ever been legally made of the action of the Lodge. No opportunity to examine or cross-examine witnesses has ever been afforded to said Lodge, and from the first the Lodge has been systematically kept in the dark as to the steps taken by or in behalf of Bro. Wexelberg.

"*Fourth*—That the physician's certificate forwarded to the Lodge at the time application was made for benefits, viz., in June, 1896, a copy of which was sent to the Special Deputy, was by him ignored,

and a certificate of different character and import was surreptitiously put in its place, without the knowledge or the consent of said Lodge; and said illegal certificate was made, in said Deputy's report to the Grand Master, the only and all-sufficient evidence of the very matter in controversy herein, contrary to the laws and usages of Odd Fellowship and contrary to the evidence in the case."

It is further claimed by the Lodge that the first intimation that benefits were claimed in this case on the ground of insanity, or any ground, since being dropped from sick-list, became known to the Lodge for the first time by the report of the Special Deputy. It is contended by the Lodge that the brother was more than nine months in arrears for dues at the time of making claim for benefits. The By-Laws of Fort Dearborn Lodge provide that when a member is indebted for dues for more than thirteen weeks he shall not be entitled to benefits, and after payment of dues he shall not be entitled to benefits until a like number of weeks thereafter shall have elapsed. The By-Laws of said Lodge further provide that notice of sickness must be sent to the Visiting Committee, etc.

OPINION.

It will not be necessary to consider in detail the various objections made by appellant. The law seems well settled that a brother or a Lodge can not be denied a right or benefit without having an opportunity to be heard, and to produce evidence, cross-examine witnesses, etc. Sec. 1499a, Code 1896; Case 122, Ill. Jour. 1896, page 114.

"When a brother is reported sick, the Visiting Committee should make a report at each Lodge meeting of his condition until he is recovered. When a brother is declared off the sick-list *and notified of such action*, if he *is not satisfied*, he may present his claim to the Lodge; and the Lodge should, on notice, investigate the facts and hear what evidence the brother may offer to sustain his claim, as well as evidence offered against his claim. In other words, such claim should be allowed or refused from evidence before the Lodge. The law provides how evidence should be taken in deposition form on both sides by a commissioner duly appointed to take evidence. Sec. 1499, Ill. Code 1896; Case 122, Ill. Jour. 1896, page 114.

While the Grand Master may, under our law (Sec. 1496, Ill. Code 1896), upon a *petition of a brother*, even after the time for appeal has elapsed, investigate a case as to the refusal of a Lodge to pay benefits, and order the Lodge to pay benefits, such judgment and order of the Grand Master should only be made after a full investigation and opportunity to both the brother and the Lodge to produce their evidence, etc.

"In Odd Fellowship all parties must have an opportunity to be heard and present their case before a right should be denied." Sec. 1499a, Ill. Code 1896.

A brother once on the sick-list cannot be taken therefrom *without notice and investigation.* (Sec. 1500, Ill. Code 1896; Ill. Jour. 1891, page 140.) "A claimant's rights to benefits cannot be prejudiced by neglect of the Visiting Committee." (Sec. 1502, Ill. Code 1896; Case No. 90, Ill. Jour. 1895, page 78.)

In the case under consideration, the matter came before the Grand Master, not on a petition by the brother, but on a statement from a sister Lodge. The Grand Master appointed a Special Deputy to investigate the case. But the Special Deputy did not afford opportunity to the Lodge or to the brother to present their case; he gave no notice of taking evidence on either side, but proceeded to procure *ex-parte* statements, not under the solemnity of oath or obligation, without notice or opportunity to cross-examine, as the law directs; and from the findings of the Special Deputy the Grand Master promulgated a peremptory order on the Lodge to pay the benefits.

Under the law above cited, we think the claim should have first been presented to the Lodge, and a Commissioner should have been appointed by the Noble Grand to take all the evidence, both for the claimant and for the Lodge, after due notice to both parties of the time and place of taking such evidence. Such evidence should then be presented to the Lodge. After hearing such evidence and argument, the Lodge should pass on the case.

When the matter was taken up by the Grand Master, his Deputy should have notified both the claimant and the Lodge to produce their evidence, giving the adverse party notice of time and place of the taking of such evidence, and thus afford opportunity to cross-examine; in other words, the judgment of the Grand Master should have been based on evidence, and not *ex-parte* statements, with no opportunity to cross-examine witnesses or offer rebutting evidence if desired. Such investigation should court a full, fair and impartial hearing and a discovery of the full truth; such a hearing is due, and is the right of both the brother and the Lodge.

We are of opinion that no sufficient investigation was made by the Special Deputy, and the judgment of the Grand Master was based on the report of the Special Deputy and not upon evidence as required by law.

We are of opinion that the Special Deputy should have given notice to the claimant and to the Lodge to produce their evidence; thereupon he should have fixed a time and place to hear such evidence, giving the adverse party due notice of the time and place of taking such evidence. Such evidence should have been taken in deposition form, as provided by law. After each party had been given opportunity to be heard, he should report such evidence to the Grand Master with his finding. We are unwilling to say that a Lodge or a brother may be deprived of a right without an opportunity to be

heard and offer evidence. No Lodge or a brother should be deprived of a right on *ex-parte* statements; all parties should be afforded opportunity to fully and fairly present their case.

We refrain from expressing any opinion as to the merits of this case, for the reason that parties interested may desire to again take the matter up in a legal way.

It is therefore ordered that the appeal be sustained and the judgment of the Grand Master declaring the brother illegally dropped from the sick-list and ordering the Lodge to pay benefits is reversed, and the claim of Bro. A. W. Wexelberg is dismissed without prejudice, with leave to file his claim for benefits with his Lodge. And it is further ordered that, should Bro. Wexelberg's claim be filed with the Lodge, that then said Lodge shall, without delay, appoint a Commissioner to take the evidence in deposition form, both for the claimant and for the Lodge, as provided by law, and report same to the Lodge without delay; and said Lodge to give judgment after hearing the cause, etc.

Appeal sustained, the action of the Grand Master is reversed, and claim dismissed with leave to file same with Lodge, with directions.

R. W. S. Wheatley,
C. B. Samson,
Wm. Schuchert,
Henry Phillips,
Geo. F. Howard.

Case No. 189—"Bro. W. F. Duncan vs. Beaucoup Lodge, No. 159." Taken under advisement until the February, 1898, session.

Case No. 191—"Bloomington Lodge, No. 400, vs. Remembrance Lodge, No. 77." Continued to February session.

Case No. 192—"Noble Lodge, No. 482, vs. Bro. J. F. Wilson." Taken under advisement until the February session.

Case No. 193—"A. J. Ross et al. vs. First Swedish Lodge, No. 479." Taken under advisement until the February session.

Case No. 194—"Bro. Stephen Amon vs. North Star Lodge, No. 620." Taken under advisement until the February session.

Case No. 158—"August Schumann vs. Paul Lodge, No. 691." Taken under advisement until the February session.

Case No. 177—"August Schumann vs. Paul Lodge, No. 691." Taken under advisement until the February session.

Case No. 176—"A. Low vs. Martinsville Lodge, No. 134." Taken under advisement until the February session.

Conclusion.

In submitting this report of the affairs of the office for the year, I am gratified to know that every member of the jurisdiction may have a just pride in the advance made by the Order. In a time when every interest is feeling the effects of financial embarrassment, to be able to report ten new Subordinate and forty-three new Rebekah Lodges instituted during the year, clearly demonstrates the esteem in which the Order is held by the public, and proves the loyalty and devotion of the membership to the true and tried principles that underlie the whole fabric of Odd Fellowship.

In the various causes that have contributed to this growth, none have appeared more potent and effective than the prudent, able, devoted services of Grand Master George C. Rankin and Assembly President May D. Stone.

I gratefully acknowledge the uniform kindness and generous courtesy extended to me by officers and members of all branches of the Order, and the efficient services of Assistant Grand Secretary John H. Sikes.

Fraternally,

James R. Miller

Grand Secretary.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS:—In accordance with the laws of our Order, I, as your Grand Treasurer, herewith respectfully submit to you my annual report of the condition of your financial affairs, as follows:

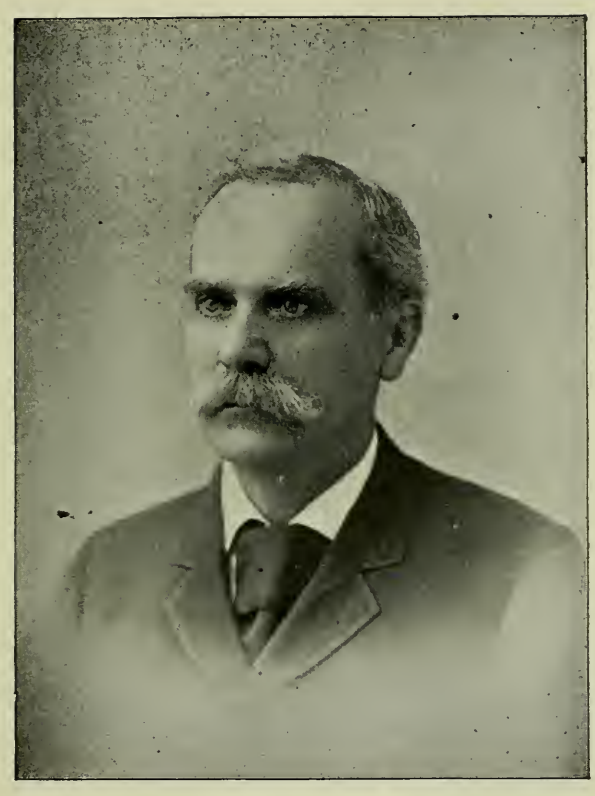
THOMAS B. NEEDLES, Grand Treasurer,

In account with the GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.

GENERAL FUND.

1896.	*Dr.*	
Nov. 4.	To balance on hand	$22,374 82
Mar. 1.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	6,000 00
Apr. 22.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	10,000 00
May 5.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	17,486 26
Oct. 18.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	10,000 00
Nov. 1.	To cash received from Grand Master Rankin, being surplus remaining in Grape Creek appeal for aid case	126 01
Nov. 4.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	15,858 45
		$81,845 54

1897.	*Cr.*	
Nov. 4.	By mileage and per diem orders paid at the session of 1896, at Springfield	$14,165 60
2293,	Chas. J. Shutt, chairman, for mileage and per diem Printing Committee, at Chicago	20 35
2294,	H. A. Stone, chairman, for mileage and per diem, Rebekah Committee	19 70
2295,	Jacob Krohn, chairman, for per diem and mileage, committee meeting Nov. 9, 1896	87 50
2315,	J. R. Camp, for balance due him on mileage, Printing Committee meeting in Chicago	6 17



Grand Treasurer.

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2316,	Willis Melville, for mileage and per diem, Rebekah Committee meeting, Nov. 6, 1896	14 94
2319,	C. B. Samson, chairman, for per diem and mileage, Judiciary and Appeals Committee	112 60
2320,	H. F. Day, for allowance by Grand Lodge	30 00
2321,	H. J. Reeziger, for stenographer's service at Grand Lodge	20 00
2322,	Max Stern & Co., for supplies, bill allowed by Grand Lodge	4 35
2323,	Mathias Blumle, for janitor services Grand Lodge session	15 00
2324,	Sven Windrow, for expenses Deputy Grand Master investigating Chas. Thesen case	26 35
2325,	Edw. F. Hartmann, for bill printing daily journal	128 92
2326,	Illinois State Journal Co., for printing bills	17 89
2327,	Charles McBride, for janitoring at Grand Lodge	40 00
2328,	J. L. Mount, expenses closing Rebekah Lodge No. 197	5 00
2329,	T. B. Needles, for clerk-hire allowed by Grand Lodge	100 00
2330,	C. F. Mansfield, for expenses as Grand Master, six months	223 23 +
2331,	Nellie L. Harris, for mileage and per diem Rebekah Committee meeting	13 50
2332,	May D. Stone, for mileage and per diem Rebekah Committee meeting	5 30
2333,	Lola L. Rickard, for mileage and per diem Rebekah Committee meeting	8 13
2334,	Mrs. W. F. Simmonds (widow), for benefits allowed by Grand Lodge from defunct No. 165	240 00
2335,	Ed. F. Hartmann, for printing bill	195 10
2336,	Harry L. McClasen, for bill allowed by Grand Lodge	10 00
2337,	Geo. O. Wise, for messenger services at Grand Lodge	1 00
2338,	Jas. R. Miller, for expenses closing Shipman No. 110	3 85
2339,	N. D. Calkins, extra services, Mileage and Per Diem Committee	15 00
2340,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for salary for November, 1896	83 33
2341,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for stenographer	40 00
2343,	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	45 00
2368,	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	4,450 00
2369,	John R. Camp, Chairman, for mileage and per diem, Printing Committee	73 56
2370,	Quick Print Co., for printing bills	13 14
2371,	Illinois State Journal Co., for printing bills	24 90
2372,	Pantagraph Printing Co., for printing bills	51 63
2373,	Illinois State Register Co., for printing bills	55 00
2374,	Ed. F. Hartmann, for printing bills	1,091 81
2375,	Ed. F. Hartmann, for printing bills	40 00
2376,	Geo. C. Rankin, for expenses to Springfield, postage and telegrams	26 60 +
2377,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, salary for December	83 33
2378,	Geo. C. Rankin, stenographer for December	40 00

2379,	Etta M. Springer, for part of Rebekah tax	$300 00
2380,	J. Frank Grant, for Grand Lodge supplies	300 00
2381,	Illinois State Register, for printing bill	16 85
2382,	C. J. Lindly, for money advanced to Escort Committee, death of Mary B. Stevens	15 00
2402,	Talbott & Hamann, for printing bill	25 75
2404,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for salary for January	83 33
2405,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for stenographer for January	40 00
2406,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for postage, expressage, etc., for January	34 83
2407,	Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for salary, first quarter.	500 00
2408,	John H. Sikes, Assistant Grand Secretary, for salary, first quarter	250 00
2409,	Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for current expenses, first quarter	409 37
2435,	Geo. F. Howard, Chairman, for mileage and per diem, Judiciary and Appeals Committee	97 60
2436,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for salary for February, 1897	83 33
2437,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, stenographer for February, 1897	40 00
2438,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, current expenses for February, 1897	38 25
2439,	R. K. Dewey, for Special Deputy Centralia Rebekah Lodge	8 90
2440,	Willis Melville, for services Special Deputy Southcomb case	11 75
2442,	Quick Print Co., for printing bills	55 98
2443,	Max Stern & Co., for part payment on German Journal	200 00
2444,	Max Stern & Co., for A. T. Gutgesell, translating German Journal	51 45
2466,	Lola L. Rickard, for part Rebekah Assembly capitation tax	1,000 00
2467,	Max Stern & Co., for balance on German Journal	194 45
2468,	George C. Rankin, for salary	83 33
2469,	George C. Rankin, for stenographer	40 00
2470,	J. L. Barnum, for expenses as Special Deputy to close Nunda, No. 701	10 00
2471,	J. L. Barnum, for special relief to Bro. Singleman, of No. 484, and family	100 00
2472,	George C. Rankin, Grand Master, for expenses during March	27 50
2502,	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	1,747 00
2503,	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Representative tax.	150 00
2504,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for appeal in Champaign case	82 00
2505,	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	720 50
2506,	J. N. Scearce, for Special Deputy Grape Creek matter	5 00
2513,	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, salary for April	83 33

2514, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, stenographer for April..	$40 00
2515, Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary, salary for second quarter.	500 00
2516, John H. Sikes, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary for second quarter	250 00
2517, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, current expenses for April	33 15
2518, Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary, current expenses second quarter	941 43
2519, J. L. Barnum, for Deputy, Peabody No. 613, Peter Singleman case, Dinah Rebekah No. 149, Oak Leaf Rebekah No. 365	32 00
2520, J. P. Foster, for expenses closing Toluca No. 818	6 50
2521, R. K. Dewey, for services, deputy, Vandalia case	5 50
2522, Quick Print Co., for printing bills	13 26
2523, Edw. F. Hartmann & Co., for printing bills	75 05
2524, Illinois State Journal Co., for printing bills	29 30
2526, Jacob Krohn, chairman, for mileage and per diem Finance Committee	87 50
2527, Illinois State Register, for printing bills	44 47
2559, J. R. Kewley, for Dept. J. G. Whittier Lodge No. 666..	3 00
2560, Etta M. Springer, treasurer, for balance capitation tax from Rebekah Lodges	1,053 10
2561, Geo. F. Howard, chairman, for mileage and per diem May session	63 50
2562, M. P. Berry, for deputy Fish Hook case	8 30
2563, Illinois State Journal Co., for printing bill	5 09
2564, J. L. Barnum, for services special deputy, Nos. 517 and 319	10 00
2566, J. Frank Grant, secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	175 00
2567, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for stenographer's services for May	40 00
2568, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for postage and telegrams for May	33 42
2569, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, salary for May	83 33
2570, Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co., for Grand Lodge printing	62 37
2571, J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	85 00
2572, J. Otis Humphrey, chairman, for voucher 1, account S. G. Lodge entertainment	145 32
2591, Geo C. Rankin, Grand Master, for stenographer, June..	40 00
2592, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for current expenses for June	32 27
2593, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, salary for June	83 33
2594, F. W. Latimer, for special deputy No. 44	6 54
2596, H. T. Pemberton, for services special deputy Idell, 359.	21 00
2597, John R. Davis, for services special deputy	12 10
2599, John R. Camp, chairman, for mileage and per diem committee meeting, Chicago, July 9	33 30
2601, J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	100 00
2602, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for stenographer for July	40 00

2603, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for July salary	$83 33
2604, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for postage, etc., for July.	22 24
2605, Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for third quarter salary.	500 00
2606, John H. Sikes, Assistant Grand Secretary, for salary for third quarter	250 00
2607, Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for current expenses, third quarter	847 15
2633, John R. Camp, Chairman, for mileage and per diem, account Grand Lodge printing	11 28
2634, Geo. F. Howard, chairman, for mileage and per diem, Judiciary and Appeals Committee	97 60
2655, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, salary for August	83 33
2656, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, stenographer for August.	40 00
2657, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, current expenses for August	28 75
2658, J. Frank Grant, Secretary, Grand Lodge supplies	175 00
2659, F. W. Tracy, Treasurer, for balance appropriation entertainment Sovereign Grand Lodge	2,354 68
2660, John R. Camp, chairman, for mileage and per diem, Printing Committee	58 50
2661, Illinois State Journal Co., for Grand Lodge printing	31 25
2662, Illinois State Register, for Grand Lodge printing	33 15
2663, Edw. F. Hartmann, for Grand Lodge printing	4 00
2664, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for current expenses for September	24 35
2665, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for stenographer for September	40 00
2666, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for salary for September.	83 33
2698, W. H. Bean, for services in closing Kossuth No. 569	18 00
2699, J. M. Hartwig, for Special Deputy, Marshall vs. No. 44	11 00
2700, S. W. Grubb, for Special Deputy, Myrtle Rebekah No. 256	4 32
2701, J. Frank Grant, secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	280 00
2702, W. T. Vandeveer, for Special Deputy, closing No. 695	7 50
2703, J. L. Barnum, for Special Deputy, Guardian Lodge No. 60.	10 00
2704, C. M. Lytle, for Special Deputy, Anderson vs. Raymond, No. 476	8 20
2705, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for current expenses for October	42 45
2706, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for stenographer for October	40 00
2707, Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, Salary for October	83 33
2708, Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary, salary for fourth quarter.	500 00
2709, John H. Sikes, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary for fourth quarter	250 00
2710, Etta M. Springer, for tax and profit on new Lodges	3,026 80
2711, Jas. R. Miller for expenses as Grand Secretary, fourth quarter	306 11
Total disbursements	$42,003 06
Appropriation transferred to Orphans' Home account	15,000 00
Appropriation transferred to Old Folks' Home account	10,000 00
Cash in treasury to balance	14,842 48
Total	$81,845 54

SPECIAL RELIEF FUND.

Dr.

1896.		
Nov. 5.	To balance on hand	$3,190 00
Nov. 26.	Received from C. F. Mansfield, Past Grand Master.	2,660 60
1897.		
Mar. 13.	Received from Aledo Lodge, per Past Grand Master Mansfield	10 00
Oct 1.	Received one year's interest on $3,000 U. S. 4 per cent. bonds	120 00
		$5,980 60

Cr.

1896.		
Dec. 22.	By order paid Richard Bell	$50 00
1897.		
Feb. 11.	" " Wm. Addison	50 00
" 13.	" " Wm. Murkins	50 00
" 27.	" " Agnes Keil	75 00
Mar. 25.	" " C. A. Clayton	75 00
July 8.	" " Richard Bell	50 00
Nov. 3.	By U. S. government 4 per cent. bonds on hand	3,000 00
" 3.	By cash on hand to balance	2,630 60
		$5,980 60

ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

Dr.

1896.		
Oct. 26.	To balance on hand	$8,260 88
Nov. 9.	To cash received from J. W. Yantis, Secretary	94 23
" 9.	" " " " "	83 39
1897.		
Jan. 2.	" " " " "	216 96
Feb. 8.	" " " " "	95 96
Mar. 29.	" " " " "	197 30
Apr. 19.	" " " " "	541 83
May 14.	" " " " "	68 82
Aug. 6.	" " " " "	346 24
Sept. 8.	" " " " "	208 13
Oct. 4.	" " " " "	645 49
" 4.	To cash received from Berry Souvenir fund	521 06
Oct. 20.	To appropriation transferred from general fund	15,000 00
" 20.	To amount overpaid and due Grand Treasurer	968 21
		$27,248 50

Cr.

By orders paid, issued by Grand Master and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, as follows:

For vouchers issued in	November, 1896	$1,274 11
" "	December, 1896	1,662 61
" "	January, 1897	1,439 59
" "	February, 1897	1,155 55
" "	March, 1897	1,177 42
" "	April, 1897	1,718 84
" "	May, 1897	3,797 00
" "	June, 1897	3,052 47
" "	July, 1897	365 31
" "	August, 1897	5,947 55
" "	September, 1897	1,802 01
" "	October, 1897	3,856 04
Total disbursements		$27,248 50

SUMMARY OF ABOVE ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

Total disbursements	$27,248 50
Balance on hand and receipts during year	26,280 29
Amount overpaid and due Grand Treasurer	$968 21

NOTE.—For a more detailed statement of disbursements on Home orders, see Grand Treasurer's itemized report, annexed to report of Board of Directors of Orphans' Home.

SPECIAL HOME FUND OF REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES WORKING IN GERMAN LANGUAGE.

1896. *Dr.*

October 26, to balance on hand	$25 47
1897.	
October 9, to loaned funds repaid	400 00
October 9, to interest on loaned funds repaid	26 00
	$451 47

1897. *Cr.*

October 20, by cash on hand to balance	$451 47

OLD FOLKS' HOME FUND.

Dr.

1897.		
Jan. 21.	To cash received from Cook Co. Odd Fellows' Picnic Organization	$1,000 00
Nov. 4.	Appropriation transferred from General Fund	10,000 00
" 4.	Cash received from H. Braumoeller, Chicago, proceeds entertainment and ball given Feb. 19, 1897.	1,450 00
		$12,450 00

Cr.

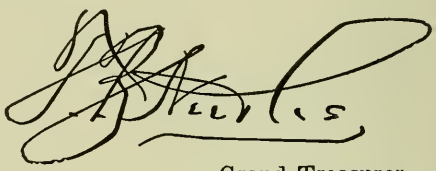
Nov. 4. By orders paid, issued by Grand Master and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, as follows:

NO.	ISSUED TO.	VOUCHER NO.	AM'T.
2473,	C. F. Mansfield	1	$8 36
2474,	Catherine Hoefer	2	22 80
2475,	Emma M. Hayden	4	22 25
2476,	Nellie L. Harris	3	24 30
2477,	Jennie A. Ticknor	5	26 83
2478,	Henry Phillips	6	11 10
2479,	R. W. S. Wheatley	7	13 72
2480,	J. H. Raible	8	12 20
2481,	Irene Reeve	9	3 00
2482,	W. R. Jewell	10	10 42
2507,	J. H. Raible	11	24 51
2508,	R. W. S. Wheatley	12	35 01
2509,	Nellie L. Harris	13	20 20
2510,	C. F. Mansfield	14	29 98
2511,	W. R. Jewell	15	10 00
2512,	Lincoln Payne	16	10 00
2525,	W. R. Jewell, Secretary	17	193 24
2608,	W. R. Jewell	18	35 60
2635,	W. R. Jewell, Secretary	19	177 20
2636,	W. R. Jewell, Secretary	20	121 79
	Total disbursements		$812 51
Nov. 4.	By cash on hand to balance		11,637 49
			$12,450 00

SUMMARY.

Cash in general fund	$14,842 48
Cash in Old Folks' Home fund	11,637 49
Cash in special relief fund	2,630 60
Cash in special Orphans' Home fund of Rebekah Lodges working in the German Language	451 47
U. S. 4 per cent. government bonds in special relief fund	3,000 00
Total	$32,562 04
Less amount overpaid in Orphans' Home account and due Grand Treasurer	968 21
Leaves net amount of funds on hand November 4, 1897	$31,593 83

Fraternally submitted.



NASHVILLE, ILLINOIS,
November 4, 1897.

Grand Treasurer.

E. S. Conway

Grand Representative.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

BRETHREN—As the representatives of this Grand Body to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, we herewith present our report of the important acts and doings of the supreme legislative branch of the Order, at its recent session, held in Springfield, Illinois, September 20–25, 1897.

On Illinois Soil.

For the second time in its history, the Sovereign Grand Lodge held its annual meeting in Illinois, the former occasion being the meeting of 1871, in the City of Chicago.

The special committee appointed for the State of Illinois on entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge having made full report through the Grand Master, reference is hereby made to the detail of that report for information as to the hospitable manner in which the brotherhood of Illinois welcomed and entertained our brothers and sisters from other jurisdictions.

That our efforts were appreciated and our entertainment well received is indicated by the following paragraph from the annual report of the Grand Secretary, J. Frank Grant:

While assembled to-day in the thriving capital of the Empire State of the West, it is our purpose to rekindle in the bosoms of representative Odd Fellows those sublime principles that are calculated to make men social and humane. Our hearts are made glad when we see such a manifestation of the magnitude and sincerity of the welcome from the generous brotherhood of the great Jurisdiction of Illinois to this Sovereign Grand Body.

Judging from the programme prepared by the Committee, there is to be no abatement, on this occasion, of the elaborateness which has heretofore characterized the ceremonies of entertainment. But when

we consider the rapid growth of our beloved Order in this State by a comparison of its history in its incipiency with that of the present date, we are not surprised at this manifestation of fraternal feeling, for wherever ennobling principles permeate a liberty-loving people, hearts are softened and hospitality strengthened.

August 11, 1836, was the date, and the City of Alton the place, when, under a dispensation, the first Lodge of Odd Fellows was instituted in the State of Illinois. To the far West, as it was then known, Samuel L. Miller had come to link together his fellows in Friendship, Love and Truth, and while he brought the blessings, of our Order westward, he did honor to Columbia Lodge, No. 3, of Baltimore, Md., for it was there that he had been initiated and advanced into the mysteries of the Fraternity. At the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in October, 1836, Western Star Lodge, No. 1, was granted its Charter. Among those who sought refuge in this noble band were Albert G. Wolford, afterward Deputy Grand Master, and James E. Starr, afterward Grand Master and Grand Representative. I should feel it a lack of duty and respect should I fail to mention that, in March, 1838, Thomas Wildey, Past Grand Sire, during his meanderings west and south, visited the new Lodge at Alton, and while there, on June 20, 1838, instituted Alton Lodge, No. 2. After making a tour through the State, on the 22d day of August, 1838, he instituted the Grand Lodge of Illinois, whose membership, we are told, consisted of five Grand Officers, and two Past Grands who were admitted after its organization. The growth of the Order in the State has been almost phenomenal. The first tabulated report was made May 25, 1846, giving a total of twelve Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 616, and a revenue of $1,576.16. On December 31, 1896, there were 867 Lodges, reporting 51,425 members. While they receive $442,937.13 yearly revenue, they dispense $146,787.80 for the help of their brethren. The invested funds of the various lodges are shown to be $694,943.38.

The officers and members of this Grand Body are profoundly grateful to the good people of Springfield for granting us the privilege of holding our sessions in their commodious capitol building. They will carry to their distant homes impressions of its architectural beauty and attractiveness; and, while telling of their pleasant sojourn in the "Floral City," they can give proof of the enlightened and prosperous condition of its citizens by describing one of the most magnificent buildings known to modern architecture. After the enjoyment of true American hospitality, and the "good-byes" have been said, we shall have a higher appreciation of those who help to adorn the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Under such favorable auspices, it is but natural to hope that the business of the session will progress harmoniously, and that the legislation enacted will bear the impress of deliberative wisdom for which the Sovereign Grand Lodge has been so long deservedly praised.

Condition of the Order.

In his report, the Grand Sire touched upon matters of interest to the Order, and in speaking of its general condition, said:

The condition of the various branches of the Order are fairly good, although, owing to the depressed condition of business in the United States, coupled with the excitement always attendant on a presi-

dential election in this country, I am unable to report any large increase during the year 1896; but we are not going backward. The membership of the Subordinate Lodges shows an increase, while the Rebekah branch has made very large proportionate gains.

In the Encampment branch I regret to say that the figures show a slight decrease, while the Patriarchs Militant have gained in membership, showing that the legislation of past years which invested them with more authority to govern themselves has been wise and beneficial to this branch.

Incorporated in the Grand Sire's Report is also the report of the Deputy Grand Sire for Europe, Herman Block, always a very interesting document.

Introductory to his report, Grand Secretary Grant says:

By an examination of the table accompanying this report, which gives the increase and decrease in membership during the year, it will be seen that the loss in the Encampment branch has been unusually heavy, while the gain in Subordinate Lodge membership has been the smallest since 1885, when it was 1,080. The prevailing depression in business affairs, which, judging from the reports of Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, seems to be felt in all sections of the country, must account to a great degree for this tardy growth; but another, and doubtless a more prominent stumbling-block in the way of progress, is the strongly-marked lack of personal interest among the membership in the work of the Lodges and Encampments. A renewal of that interest which prompted the brother to unite with the Order is necessary.

But while these have languished, the prosperous Rebekah branch, with her small fees and light dues, has vigorously grown. If our membership has not kept pace with the rate of increase during the past twelve years, discouragement need not follow. It is in lessons of experience that we are taught the performance of duty.

Statistics of the Order.

The following figures show the numerical and financial strength of the Order:

Grand Lodges, 56; Subordinate Lodges, 11,115, increase, 270; Rebekah Lodges, 4,567, increase, 456; Grand Encampments, 51, increase, 1; Subordinate Encampments, 2,648, increase, 20; Lodge initiations, 60,146, decrease, 3,073; Lodge members, 806,055, increase, 6,070; Encampment members, 130,732, decrease, 1,962; Rebekah members, 264,479, increase, 26,526; relief by lodges, $3,067,965.81, increase, $60,884.48; relief by Encampments, $274,209.99, decrease, $4,670.09; relief by Rebekah Lodges, $51,059.83, increase, $3,298.10; total relief, $3,393,235.63, increase, $59,412.49; revenue of Lodges, $7,570,025.98, decrease, $17,824.41; revenue of Rebekah Lodges, $886,202.26, increase, $505,406.27; total revenue, $9,058,646.79, increase, $467,642.58.

Invested Funds—Subordinate Lodges, $24,824,387.17, increase, $476,857.33; Subordinate Encampments, $1,529,131.59, increase, $73,776.71; Rebekah Lodges, $496,430.66, increase, $73,776.71; total invested funds, $26,849,949.42, increase, $591,922.76.

Expenses—Subordinate Lodges, $3,427,195.22, decrease, $12,611.01; Encampments, $256,286.77, decrease, $41,977.27; Rebekah Lodges, $338,409.02, increase, $37,713 78; total expenses, $4,021,891.01. Brothers relieved, 83,724, decrease, 2,534; Patriarchs relieved, 10,073, decrease, 1,961; weeks' benefits paid by Lodges, 581,534, increase, 27,179; by Encampments, 89,282, decrease, 357; widowed families relieved by Lodges, 6,206, increase, 816; by Encampments, 209, increase, 31; Brothers buried, 8,498, decrease, 94; Patriarchs buried, 1,395, decrease, 90.

Statistics of the Order from 1830 to Dec. 31, 1896, Including Australasia, Germany, Denmark and Switzerland—Initiations in Subordinate Lodges, 2,137,592: members relieved, 2,076,004; widowed families relieved, 227,940; members deceased, 202,228; total relief, $74,356,668.76; total receipts, $193,247,022.80.

Condition of the Order Dec. 31, 1896—Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1; Independent Grand Lodges, 5; Subordinate Grand Encampments, 55; Subordinate Grand Lodges, 66; Subordinate Encampments, 2,671; Subordinate Lodges, 11,399; Encampment Members, 131,898; Lodge members, 831,718; Rebekah members, Sisters, 164,679; Brothers, 116,812.

Decisions of Grand Sire Carleton.

We herewith give the Decisions of Grand Sire Carleton, as amended and approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

1. *Question.*—Can one Lodge sue another in the civil courts without violating the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge? *Answer.*—They may do so unless inhibited by their Grand Lodge Constitution, there being nothing in the general laws of the Order forbidding it

2. *Question.*—Can a brother who owes a Lodge a note for Third Degree claim benefits? *Answer.*—A brother owing a Lodge a note for Third Degree is entitled to benefits, he being otherwise entitled to receive them.

4. *Question.*—Is it permissible to admit members during conferring any of the degrees, or may members be admitted during or introducing first and second parts while the candidate is taken out into the ante-room? *Answer.*—No.

5. *Question.*—Where a brother has been dropped for non-payment of dues, and before one year from date of his suspension applies for reinstatement and pays one year's dues, is it his right to be reinstated, or has the Lodge the right to ballot on such application and refuse to readmit him? *Answer.*—Yes, upon application and payment of one year's dues, a member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for less than twelve months must be reinstated by his Lodge without ballot, in absence of local law to the contrary.

6. *Question.*—Can a Grand Master issue dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge empowering it to confer degrees the same night the candidate is initiated? *Answer.*—Yes, he can, unless the laws of the Grand Jurisdiction otherwise provide.

7. *Question.*—Do sections 1829 and 1830, White's Digest, edition of 1895, prohibit the printing by a Subordinate Lodge of the Funeral Ceremony, not for sale, but for its own convenience? *Answer.*—Yes.

8. *Statement.*—A brother who has been suspended for more than five years for non-payment of dues, and is now about sixty years of age, wants to be reinstated in his Lodge as a non-beneficial member.

Question.—What will the brother have to pay the Lodge, and would the brother then be exempt from dues, and would the Lodge have to pay per capita tax on the brother? *Answer.*—In order for any brother to be reinstated who has been suspended for more than five years, he must pay the amount of one year's dues, unless otherwise provided by local law, although he may take a Dismissal Certificate for one dollar; in his application for reinstatement, he must further show, if the application is for non-beneficial membership, that he has been a member of the Order for five years In the absence of local law otherwise providing, he must pay dues and the Lodge must pay per capita tax on him.

9. *Question.*—Is it necessary, when two Subordinate Lodges, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, consolidate under the charter, name and number of one of them, the other surrendering its charter to the District Deputy Grand Sire, and its papers, books, etc., to the one retaining its charter, name and number, to apply for and procure a new charter? *Answer.*—No.

10. *Question.*—Which officer, the Recording Secretary or the Permanent Secretary, is the proper one to sign the certificate for dues prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session? *Answer.*—The Permanent Secretary.

11. *Question.*—Must a brother pay dues in advance, the same as on a visiting card, in order to visit on a receipt? *Answer.*—Yes.

12. *Question.*—Can a brother deposit the receipt in another Lodge for admission, the same as a Visiting Card? *Answer.*—Yes.

13. *Question.*—Must the A. T. P. W. be given to all brothers on paying up their dues? *Answer.*—No, if they only pay their dues to date.

14. *Question.*—A member of a Lodge on February 1, 1897, owes $3 dues: he goes to his Lodge and pays $1 of said dues and demands a Visiting Certificate: is the Lodge compelled to issue said Visiting Certificate and give him the A. T P. W.? *Answer.*—The Lodge is compelled to issue the Visiting Certificate, but it is not allowed to give the A. T. P. W. There is no such thing known to the law as a "Visiting Certificate" It is a certificate showing the payment of dues, which certificate, coupled with the A. T. P. W., entitles the holder to visit Lodges outside his jurisdiction.

15 *Question.*—When a brother pays his dues, is the Secretary of the Lodge compelled to give him a certificate under the law of 1896, or may the Secretary use another form of receipt when the brother does not desire the A. T. P W.? *Answer.*—When a brother pays his dues, the Secretary is not allowed to give him a receipt for same except on the form issued and sold by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the brother does not desire the A. T. P. W.

16. *Question.*—When a brother pays his dues and does not desire a receipt, is the Secretary compelled to issue to him a certificate under the law of 1896? *Answer.*—No.

17. *Question.*—If a brother fails to pay his dues on the last meeting-night of the Lodge in the term, and comes forward and pays at the commencment of the succeeding term, is he non-beneficial? *Answer.*—While the term of a Subordinate Lodge must begin at certain stated periods, viz., first meetings in January and July or April and October, yet such commencement of a term has no necessary reference to when and how dues shall be paid, and a brother is beneficial just so long as he does not owe his Lodge one-fourth of the annual amount fixed by its by-laws for dues and legal assessments.

19. *Question.*—A Grand Master suspends a Lodge; the Grand Lodge held that it was illegally suspended; that the Grand Master had no authority under the law to suspend it. What per capita tax should the Lodge pay? *Answer*—When a Lodge has been suspended, and it has afterward been decided by proper authority that its suspension was illegal, and it has been reinstated, such Lodge should not be required to pay per capita tax for the period it was under suspension.

20. *Question.*—Can Lodges provide by by-law for the admission of non-beneficial Odd Fellows, when no action has been taken by the State Grand Lodge? *Answer*—A Lodge cannot provide by by-law for admission of non beneficial Odd Fellows, unless the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction has by some legislative action authorized Lodges to do so.

21. *Question.*—In an initiation, should the acting P. G. (in closing his charge) greet and welcome the brother by giving him the initiatory grip? *Answer.*—No.

22. *Question.*—Have Grand Masters the power under the law to grant dispensations to Subordinate Lodges upon request of said Lodges to permit them to admit applicants into Lodges for a less fee than what their by-laws call for, for a limited time? *Answer.*—No, they cannot grant such dispensations. They must change their by-laws and have them properly approved if they wish to change the fee charged for initiation.

23. *Question.*—Can a Subordinate Lodge appropriate any of its funds to pay the premium on a surety bond issued by a guarantee or indemnity company to bond its Treasurer or Trustees? *Answer.*—Yes.

24. *Question.*—Does a Subordinate Lodge have the right to adopt or make a by-law confining sick-benefits to Degree members only, as provided in Digest, page 51, section 16? *Answer.*—Yes, unless otherwise provided by local law.

25. *Question.*—Does the last clause of Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution of New Hampshire, which reads as follows, "shall be entitled to receive from the funds of his Lodge such sum as the by-laws may determine," leave it to the Subordinate Lodge by-laws to determine who are beneficial members. *Answer.*—Yes.

26. *Question.*—In view of the laws set forth in Sections 726 and 727 of the new Digest of 1895, if a Lodge fixes its initiation fee so that it is less than the sum fixed for one year's dues, can such Lodge lawfully reinstate a member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues, within one year, for a sum equal to the initiation fee? *Answer.*—Such Lodge cannot lawfully reinstate a member so dropped for less than the amount of one year's dues, such being the law as set forth in Section 726, Digest of 1895, which law is plain and unambiguous, although, in view of the possible facts, he might have to pay more than a member who has been suspended for more than a year.

27. *Question.*—Under the same laws (Sections 726 and 727) can such Lodge lawfully charge the amount of one year's dues for reinstatement of a member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues for more than one year? *Answer.*—A member who has been suspended for

non-payment of dues for more than one year, cannot be lawfully charged for reinstatement more than the amount charged an initiate of the same age, although the Lodge may charge less if its local law so provides.

28. *Question.*—A brother who was a member of a Lodge and a barkeeper when the amendment to Section 5, Article XVI, Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, went into effect, takes a Withdrawal Card therefrom, continues in the occupation of barkeeper, and within a year from the issuance of said card, deposits it with another Lodge and applies for membership therein. Can such Lodge admit him? *Answer.*—Yes, the Lodge can admit the brother to membership in the Lodge, he being already a member of the Order.

29. *Question.*—Can a Grand Body compel its subordinates to purchase a given number of rituals? *Answer.*—Grand Bodies may compel their subordinates to purchase a given number of rituals not exceeding the number allowed by the laws of this Grand Body.

30. *Statement.*—A brother is paid up in full until December 31, 1895. He pays nothing more, but on June 8, 1896, is by the Probate Judge of the county in which he resides adjudged insane. The verdict of the jury and decision of the Probate Judge is that he is insane and has been for six months prior thereto. Then he was on that date ordered committed to the State Insane Asylum at Topeka, Kan., and was so committed, and has been at all times since and is now confined there The brother having no property, it was ordered by the Court that the expense of the proceedings be at the cost of the county and the keeping at the cost of the State. The brother is the only support of his family.

Question.—Is the Subordinate Lodge to which he is attached, and in which he was in good standing on December 31, 1895, and until 13 weeks thereafter, debtor to him or his family for sick-benefits? *Answer.*—The brother's family is entitled to the benefit provided by the by-laws of the Lodge to which he belongs, he being in good standing at the time he became insane. See Sections 42, 43 and 47, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

31 *Question.*—Has a Lodge the right to appropriate the funds of the Lodge to pay railroad fare and carriage hire of its members to attend the funeral of a member who died and was buried several miles from the lodge-room? *Answer.*—No.

32. *Question.*—Can a Lodge be organized in a good building on the ground floor? *Answer.*—Yes: yet all Lodges are admonished to see to it that they surround themselves against intrusion by outsiders; that is to say, no person or persons should be permitted to gain a knowledge of what is going on in the Lodge-room by approaching it too closely.

33. *Question.*—Is it legal for a Subordinate Lodge to purchase an American flag? *Answer.*—It is. See Articles 355 and 359, White's Digest.

34. *Question.*—Has a member of a Lodge who prefers charges against another member of same Lodge, a right to appeal from the action of his Lodge in finding the brother not guilty? *Answer.*—Yes.

35. *Question.*—Has the Grand Master the right to set aside the action of a Lodge and order a new trial. *Answer.*—No.

36. *Question.*—A member being dropped for non-payment of dues, and being rejected upon application for reinstatement, can he renew his application for reinstatement at the expiration of six months? *Answer.*—Yes, he can renew his application for reinstatement any number of times after rejection, each time waiting until the expiration of the time limited by local law, provided in other cases of application by candidates for admission.

37. *Question.*—When a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues applies to be reinstated, must the application be referred to a committee before it can be balloted upon, if the by-laws of the Lodge provide that the ballot may be taken without such reference, provided the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction where such Lodge is situated has not required applications for reinstatement to be referred to a committee before final action by the Lodge? *Answer.*—When a brother suspended for non-payment of dues applies to be reinstated, the application need not be referred to a committee before it can be balloted upon, if the by-laws of the Lodge provide that the ballot may be taken without such reference; provided, the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction where such Lodge is situated has not required applications for reinstatement to be referred to a committee before final action by the Lodge.

38. *Question.*—Since the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge known as the liquor law, can a person who has been initiated in good faith and in ignorance on his part of the law, be advanced to a higher degree, the Lodge ascertaining after initiation and before advancement that he is a saloonkeeper? *Answer.*—No.

39. *Question.*—Can a member whose dues are paid to January 1, 1897, be suspended on December 28, 1897? *Answer.*—No. The period from January 1, 1897, to December 28, 1897, is not one year, and therefore a brother who is clear of the books on the 1st day of January can not be suspended on the 28th day of the next ensuing December.

40. *Question.*—Upon the resignation of a Vice Grand, a member was elected to fill the vacancy, but was not installed into the office, but served to the end of the term for a majority of the nights, and was then elected and installed as Noble Grand and served to the end of the term; is he entitled to the honors of the office? *Answer.*—Yes, he is entitled to the honors; he was elected and installed as Noble Grand, served as such for the term, so no matter what mere irregularities there were in his installation and service as Vice Grand, he is entitled to the honors as Noble and Past Grand.

ENCAMPMENT DECISIONS.

41 *Question.*—Is a member of a defunct Encampment who is a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge entitled to make application for membership in another Encampment by initiation; if so, does it require a dispensation for such purpose? *Answer.*—A member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge, claiming to be a member of a defunct Encampment, but unable to obtain satisfactory proof of such fact, may apply for membership into a Subordinate Encampment by initiation, but each application should state that he did not lose membership in such defunct Encampment by suspension or expulsion, and no dispensation is necessary to allow such Encampment to admit such applicant.

42. *Question.*—Does the law passed at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which allows Encampments under the jurisdiction of Grand Encampments to reduce their degree fees to $1 each, and dues to $1 per year to non-beneficial members, apply to Encampments working under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge? *Answer.*—Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are authorized to fix the minimum price for the degrees at $1 each, or $3 for the three degrees, and to fix annual dues at a minimum price of not less than $1.

43. *Question.*—Can the same patriarch hold the two offices of Grand Junior Warden and Grand Treasurer in the Grand Encampment at one and the same time? *Answer.*—The same patriarch cannot legally hold the two offices of Grand Junior Warden and Grand Treasurer in the Grand Encampment at one and the same time.

44. *Question.*—What office or offices must a patriarch fill to become eligible to serve as Chief Patriarch? *Answer.*—A Grand Jurisdiction may provide by law that service in the office of Senior Warden alone will render a patriarch eligible for the office of Chief Patriarch; but unless a jurisdiction does so provide, a patriarch, to be eligible to the office of Chief Patriarch, must have served a term as Senior Warden and High Priest.

45. *Question.*—If a patriarch pays his dues on the last meeting-night for quarter ending March 31, can he, on the evening of payment, ask for and receive the T. P. W? *Answer.*—Yes.

46. *Question.*—When a Subordinate Encampment has a Financial Scribe, shall he sign the certificate for dues? *Answer.*—Yes; but the Recording Scribe must affix the seal.

47. *Question.*—In the ritual the words "Most Excellent High Priest" are printed. Is this correct and official as printed? *Answer.*—Yes.

48. *Question.*—Are Past High Priests previous to 1892 allowed to wear P. C. P. collars in Encampments? *Answer.*—No.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

49. *Question.*—Is the wife of an Odd Fellow who is but 16 or 17 years of age eligible for membership in a Rebekah Lodge? *Answer*—White women, without regard to age, who are wives of Odd Fellows in good standing, are eligible to membership in Rebekah Lodges, subject to the laws relative to residence of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which application is made.

50. *Question.*—How many black balls are required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge? *Answer.*—Not less than three black balls shall be required to reject an application for membership in a Rebekah Lodge. Grand Lodges may require a larger, but not a smaller, number than three to reject such an application.

51. *Question.*—Must the Secretary and President of the Rebekah State Assembly make a report direct to the Grand Master of the condition of the Rebekah Lodges? *Answer.*—All Rebekah Lodges, unless by terms of charter granted to the Rebekah Assembly it is otherwise provided, must make annual returns to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Looge, and in jurisdictions where, by the terms of the charter granted to the Rebekah Assemby, it is provided that Secretaries of Subordinate Rebekah Lodges shall report to the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly, then and in that case it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Rebekah Assembly to make returns of the Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Secretary.

52. *Question.*—Can the staff of Rebekah Lodges have their photographs taken in their robes and costumes for their own use? *Answer.*—a Rebekah Lodge cannot legally have photographs of its staff taken in the robes and costumes used in conferring the degree, for the individual use of its members.

53. *Question.*—Does Section 10 of the Rebekah Code, as amended, do away with Section 1,175 of White's Digest of 1895, or what is the standing of a brother in a Rebekah Lodge who is suspended, either for non-payment of dues or for cause, in his Subordinate Lodge? *Answer.*—Section 1,175 of White's Digest remains in force, and a brother's standing in a Rebekah Lodge depends upon his continuous good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in good standing, except in case of a brother holding a withdrawal card in date, his membership in a Rebekah Lodge is not affected thereby, provided he keeps his dues in the Rebekah Lodge paid, for one year from date of withdrawal card.

54. *Question.*—Can Subordinate Jurisdictions still authorize their Rebekah Lodges to set aside 5 per cent. of the receipts for dues for contingent fund, notwithstanding the 34th section of the Code for Rebekah Lodges? *Answer.*—Yes, they can.

55. *Question*—When should the A. P. W. be given, in a Rebekah Lodge, as per Rebekah ritual, or after the candidate has signed the constitution? *Answer.*—The A. P. W. is given by the Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge to a candidate in the course of instruction, prior to signing the constitution.

56. *Question*.—A member of a Rebekah Lodge was tried and suspended for two years. She appealed to the Grand Lodge, and while the appeal was still pending, and before the session of the Grand Lodge, charges were preferred against her on some matters growing out of the previous transaction, but she paid no attention to the said charges, and the Lodge thereupon expelled her for contempt. Shortly afterwards the Grand Lodge reinstated her on the first charges, but the Lodge refuses to permit her attendance, and claims she was expelled on the second charges. Was the action of the Lodge in refusing to reinstate her legal? *Answer*.—On authority of Sections 1,611, 1,612 and 1,613, White's Digest, edition 1895, the action of the Lodge was legal.

57. *Question*.—The Constitution of a Rebekah Assembly provides for the election of a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary by Rebekah Lodges. Is not this provision of the Constitution requiring the election of a Financial Secretary in conflict with the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1895? *Answer*.—Yes, it is. The law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge provides that the officers of a Rebekah Lodge shall be a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, if necessary, etc. The legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge leaves it to the discretion of the Rebekah Lodges as to whether or not it is necessary for them to elect a Financial Secretary.

58. *Statement*.—In the Constitution and By-Laws of a Rebekah Assembly as approved by the Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction, the following appears: "In the absence of the President, they shall at constitutional periods install officers of Rebekah Lodges, who are properly qualified by previous service in office, and have committed their charges of office to memory, and to communicate the annual and semi-annual pass-words to the Noble and Vice Grand, they having fully exemplified the unwritten work of the Rebekah Degree in open Lodge." *Question*.—Is the following portion of the above Constitution legal? to-wit: "They having fully exemplified the unwritten work of the Rebekah Degree in open Lodge," inasmuch as the ritual of Rebekah Degree Lodges directs, through the N. G., the candidates elect to retire; further, could the D. D. Grand President, or other installing officer, insist or compel the N. G. and V. G. of a Rebekah Lodge to exemplify the unwritten work in open Lodge, either before or during the ceremony of installation? *Answer*.—Yes, such section of the Constitution is legal. See Article 1,835, White's Digest, edition 1895.

59. *Question*.—Under Section 33 of the Code for Rebekah Lodges, do the laws digested in Sections 726 and 727 of Digest apply to Rebekah Lodges? *Answer*.—Sections 726 and 727 of the Digest apply to applicants for reinstatement into Rebekah Lodges, as well as they do to Subordinate Lodges, Section 33 specially stating that all the laws, rules and regulations of the "Sovereign Grand Lodge now in force, or that may hereafter be adopted for the government of Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, or that in any way affect the rights of individual members, are made to apply, where applicable, in all their force to country, provincial, state and territorial jurisdictions of the Degree of Rebekah," etc.; then, as no specific provision is made in the Code for reinstatement, the general law, as found in the sections of the Digest referred to, certainly governs.

60. *Question*.—What regalia should a brother of the Rebekah Degree wear in a Rebekah Lodge? *Answer*.—Where the Rebekah Code, Section 25, states that brothers should wear the regalia that they are entitled to wear in the Subordinate Lodge, it must be construed to refer to those brothers who do not hold office in the Rebekah Lodge. Section 25, Rebekah Code, specifies what the regalia shall be for a Rebekah Lodge. Section 1,218, Digest 1895, states "that an Encampment member may wear his Encampment regalia when sitting in his own Lodge, unless he is a Lodge officer, in which case he must wear the regalia of his office." Hence, when any one is elected to office in a Rebekah Lodge, whether male or female, they must wear the regalia provided by law for such office.

61. *Question*.—Has a Grand Lodge, under the Rebekah Code, any authority to authorize the existence of any other Rebekah Grand Body than an Assembly? *Answer*.—No.

62. *Question*.—Under Section 24, Rebekah Code, revised in 1896, can we require Lodges to vote yes or no? *Answer*.—Section 24, Rebekah Code, as amended, provides that "votes in all other cases" (excepting such as are specially stated shall be by ballot), "*shall be viva voce*," which means that the vote may be either yea or nay, or yes or no.

63. *Question*.—Has a brother a right to wear his Encampment regalia when sitting in a Rebekah Lodge? *Answer*.—Yes, unless he is an officer in the Rebekah Lodge, in which case he must wear the regalia of his office, as prescribed in Section 25 of the Rebekah Code.

64. *Question*.—Can a brother holding a live withdrawal card from a Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge join a Rebekah Lodge by deposit of card, without first having renewed his membership in a Subordinate Lodge? *Answer*.—He can not. He must be a member of a Subordinate Lodge. A brother holding a withdrawal card is a member of the Order, but not of a Lodge.

P. M. DECISIONS.

65. *Question*.—Has a Department Council or Commander the power or authority to grant removal of Department Council headquarters? *Answer*—Upon receipt of petition by the Department Council, praying for a removal of Department Council headquarters, setting forth the reasons therefor, the Department Council may grant or reject the petition.

66. *Question*.—Is the Captain of a Senior Canton, who has been acting as Department Commander, entitled to a commission as Department Commander, or does he act in that capacity until the Department is in a position to regularly elect a Department Commander? *Answer*.—He is not entitled to a commission as Department Commander until he shall have been elected to that position.

67. *Statement.*—A Chevalier holds a commission as Colonel of First Regiment, by virtue of which he became Department Commander under the Patriarchs Militant Code; his successor was commissioned by the department, he paying the fee to the department for the same. *Question.*—Is a Department Commander under the law governing the Patriarchs Militant required to obtain his commission from the Adjutant General and pay the fee for the same? *Answer.*—Yes.

68. *Statement.*—A Canton surrenders its charter and forwards its effects to Department headquarters. None of the Chevaliers have discharges, no action having been taken by the Canton in regard to discharges. *Question.*—Can any of the Chevaliers of the defunct Canton be charter members of a new Canton without first obtaining honorable discharges in accordance with Sections 24 and 34, P. M. Code? *Answer.*—No; such members cannot become applicants for a charter for a new Canton without first obtaining honorable discharges. They are in the same position as a member of a defunct Lodge is, who cannot be one of those applying for a charter for a new Lodge, he not having a Withdrawal Card.

69. *Question.*—Can such Chevaliers (those referred to in the preceding question) be classed as Royal Purple members, and be applicants for a charter? *Answer.*—They cannot. They are already members of a Canton, although defunct, and must sever connection with such Canton before they can ever join another.

70. *Question.*—Who has the power to grant an application of a Canton, asking to be allowed to remove its place of meeting? *Answer.*—Such application can only be granted by a Department Council, where one exists, which has such power: where such council does not exist, the Commander of the Department can act upon and grant the application.

71. *Question.*—A Department holds its election for Department Commander. Upon receipt of the returns it is found that a majority of Cantons have voted for a certain candidate. The minority of Cantons have voted for a certain other candidate. The Cantons in the minority have the largest membership. The Cantons in the majority have a less number of members. The Department Commander has for the past decided that a majority of Cantons voting for Department Commander or General cast the deciding vote, and that custom has always prevailed. *Answer.*—A majority of the Chevaliers voting for Department Commander, without reference to the number of Cantons participating in the election, elects the Commander.

72. *Question.*—Is it legal and proper for a Canton to elect a board of trustees to have charge of such invested funds as may be authorized by the Canton, they to give satisfactory bond as any other officer holding money? *Answer.*—Yes.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

73. *Question.*—What names should go on duplicate charters? *Answer.*—All the names appearing on original charter must be inserted in duplicate charter

74. *Question.*—Will the ordinary receipt be illegal when issued simply as a receipt for dues paid? *Answer.*—Yes, it will be illegal

75. Can the same member of the Order hold at the same time the two offices of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Encampment and Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge? *Answer.*—The same member of the Order can hold the two offices of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Encampment, and Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge at the same time.

76. *Question.*—Can a brother who is in possession of a certificate and the A. T. P. W. visit a Lodge within the jurisdiction containing his own Lodge, he being without the P. W. of the current term? *Answer.*—Yes.

77. *Statement.*—Confusion having arisen over the legislation of the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge concerning interstate visitation on certificate for dues. *Question.*—Is it mandatory under said legislation that Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall use exclusively the certificates mentioned in such legislation? *Answer.*—No, not to the exclusion of the visiting card.

78. *Question.*—Does the Sovereign Grand Lodge have exclusive power to print such certificates? *Answer.*—Yes.

79. *Question.*—May State Grand Lodges and Encampments print such certificates for the use of subordinates within their jurisdiction? *Answer.*—No.

80. *Question.*—May Subordinate Lodges and Encampments provide themselves with any form of receipt for dues, notwithstanding such legislation? *Answer.*—No.

81 *Question.*—Can a brother visit on an official receipt beyond the date for which his dues are paid? *Answer.*—No.

82. *Question.*—Is any other receipt for dues except the official receipt permissible to be used simply as a receipt for dues? *Answer.*—No.

83 *Question.*—If a patriarch or brother pays twenty-six or fifty-two weeks in a year, can he demand an official receipt each time if he pays every meeting-night in the year? *Answer.*—Yes.

84 *Question.*—Can a Lodge or Encampment charge three cents or any other price for the receipts, or must they furnish the same free if dues are paid? *Answer.*—No. A Lodge or Encampment cannot charge any price for the receipt, but must furnish it free of charge.

85. *Question.*—Did the resolutions from committee changing or tacking on to Article 16, Section 1, S. G. L. Constitution, to recognize said official receipt as a proper card, change the section; if so, should it not have laid over one year? *Answer.*—No, it did not change the section.

86. *Question.*—Can a trial committee in any or all cases appoint a stenographer or typewriter to take down the evidence in cases, he or she not being a member of the Order? *Answer.* A trial committee cannot appoint a stenographer or typewriter to take down the evidence, such persons not being members of the Order.

87. *Question.*—Is it legal to allow a Grand Warden to be put in possession of a Rebekah Ritual, he not being a member of the Rebekah Lodge? *Answer.*—No.

88. *Question.*—Are the words occurring in decision 152 of P. G S. Stebbins of 1896, "in every branch of the Order," to be construed as abolishing the retiring password in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment? *Answer.*—Yes, and instructions in the use of such abolished passwords should be therefore omitted in giving instructions in the unwritten work in the Grand Bodies as well as in Subordinates.

89 *Question.*—If a member is in arrears for dues and pays part or all of such arrearages and nothing in advance, can he demand as a receipt the visiting certificate? *Answer.*—Yes.

90. *Question.*—To receive a visiting certificate, does a member have to pay in advance the same as he does when receiving a visiting card, and if a member in arrears for dues pays part or all of same, and nothing in advance, can he demand the official certificate and the A. T. P. W.? *Answer.*—He can demand the official certificate, but not the A. T. P. W.

91. *Question.*—When does a woman cease to be a member of her father's family and cease to be entitled to funeral benefits by reason of her age? *Answer.*—All orphans under the age of twenty-one years are entitled to receive funeral benefits. See Section 90, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

92. *Question.*—Must Lodges and Encampments use the new form of receipt or certificate, to the entire exclusion of any and all other forms of receipts for dues? *Answer.*—Yes.

93. *Question.*—Can a member, when paying his dues, accept the ordinary form of receipt if it suits him and does not desire to visit in another jurisdiction? *Answer.*—No.

94. *Question* —If this is the only legal receipt, and a brother's dues must be paid in advance before he can use the same for the purpose of visiting another Lodge, what form of receipt may be issued to a member who is paying arrearages, but not in advance? *Answer.*—The form issued and sold by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, "said form of a receipt (certificate) to be universal throughout all jurisdictions on this continent, *and to be used as the only and legal receipt* (certificate) *for dues, assessments, fees, etc., by all Lodges, Encampments, and Rebekah Lodges.*"

95. *Question.*—Can a Lodge or Encampment prescribe by by-law that a small fee shall be paid by the brother on the issuance of the new form of receipt? *Answer.*—No.

96. *Question.*—Has a State Grand Lodge the right to provide where one black ball appears in balloting for a candidate for admission, that one or more additional ballots shall be taken? *Answer.*—Yes; State Grand Bodies have the right to make such rules and regulations in regard to balloting as those contained in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

97. *Question.*—Is it legal and proper for Subordinate and Grand Lodges to authenticate documents issued by them with a printed impression of the seal, or must it be actually impressed upon them? *Answer.*—Yes, it is legitimate and proper to use a *printed* seal on official documents, when it is not convenient to actually impress it.

98. *Question.*—Grand Sire Underwood decided that the D. D. G. M. when installing should be addressed as Grand Master. The new ritual says they shall be addressed by their own proper title, which is D. D G. M. The ritual says in a Rebekah Lodge the installing officer shall be addressed as Special Deputy Grand Master. Which governs? *Answer.*—The ritual governs.

99. *Question.*—Under the wording of the fine print at the end of the instruction in each degree relative to who may be kept out of a Lodge, can a member suspended for non-payment of dues be kept out? *Answer.*—Yes.

100. *Question.*—Have members of the Order a right to form independent organizations, with officers, take the name of the Lodge to which they belong, and confine membership to that Lodge, but the Lodge have no control or supervision of any kind over it? *Answer*—No.

101. *Question.*—Can I, as Grand Master of Texas, legally appoint a Past Grand of the Jurisdiction of Illinois, but now residing in Texas, as Special District Deputy Grand Master, he possessing peculiar qualifications for the position as an organizer? *Answer.*—No, he is not eligible for appointment to the position.

102. *Question.*—A member of a Lodge in Texas obtains a withdrawal card; changes his residence to another jurisdiction, having, however, no settled residence therein; can he, within twelve months from the date of the issuance of the card, deposit it and apply for membership in the Lodge granting it, he not being a resident of the Jurisdiction of Texas? *Answer.*—He can not.

103. *Question.*—If a member of the Order went into the saloon business between the time when the amendment to Section 5, Article 16, Constitution of the S. G. L., was adopted in 1895, and the date of the approval of decision 88 by Grand Sire Stebbins in 1896, did he violate the Constitution, and should charges be preferred against him for conduct unbecoming an Odd

Fellow? *Answer.*—Yes, under the law and decisions 88 and 104, session of 1896, such member is liable to have charges preferred against him, and, if convicted, should be expelled from the Order.

104. *Question.*—Can a brother visit upon an expired visiting certificate? *Answer.*—No.

105. *Question.*—Where there is an apparent conflict between the ritual, the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which should govern? *Answer.*—The Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge is supreme law, and where any other law conflicts with it, such other law must give way to it.

106. *Question.*—Can a Rebekah or Subordinate Lodge legally refuse to grant a withdrawal card (except to investigate) to members who are clear of the books of whatsoever kind, good moral character, and free from charges, etc.? *Answer.*—Yes.

107. *Question.*—A person regularly proposed and elected a member by initiation; a special meeting was called to initiate him, but four members of the Lodge attended. They, with the assistance of members of other Lodges, initiated him. What is his standing? *Answer.*—He is a full member of the initiatory degree, although the Lodge acted in violation of law in conferring the degree, but the initiate is in no manner chargeable with this. Having received the degree, it cannot be taken from him, although the Lodge is subject to discipline for conferring the degree with less than a quorum of its members present. See Sections 669 and 690, White's Digest.

108. *Question.*—Can the Grand Master of Oregon grant permission for a resident of Idaho to join a Lodge in Oregon, every other requisite for admission, such as consent of Idaho, nearness to the Oregon Lodge, etc., existing? *Answer.*—Yes.

109. *Question.*—Can a Subordinate Lodge provide by by-law that an initiate shall receive no benefits until six months after his initiation? *Answer.*—Yes, it can, provided they are so permitted by the uniform constitution of its jurisdiction.

110. *Question.*—Is it not obligatory on all Lodges to pay at least the minimum benefits to initiates and to members of the first degree as well as to members of the third degree? *Answer.*—It is not; the Lodge, if not inhibited by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, has a right to declare what class of members shall be beneficial, and may provide that only members who have attained the third degree shall be beneficial, but if they pay to any class, benefits, it must not be less than two dollars per week.

111. *Question.*—Please state all the conditions under which a Lodge may deny benefits or all but the minimum benefits to members *Answer.*—This question has been in effect answered in the preceding answers. The law is that a Subordinate Lodge has the right to declare what classes of members shall be beneficial: it may so divide the members into classes as to give one rate of benefit to an initiate, another rate to a first degree member, another to a second, and to a third, but it cannot give to any member declared by it beneficial a less rate than two dollars per week. All these divisions, however, are subject to the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge, it having, however, no power to say that a Lodge may pay less than two dollars per week to any member it has declared beneficial.

112. *Question.*—Has a band a right to use the name "Patriarche Militant Band" without permission, or use it, being members of the I. O. O. F., but not members of a Canton? *Answer.*—A band has no right to use the name of the Patriarchs Militant, either with or without permission of the P. M. authorities; and if the persons composing the band are members of the Order, charges can be preferred against them in their Lodges and Encampments.

114 *Question.*—Can the Noble Grand and Secretary issue an order for the semi-annual password which will extend beyond their term of office, and good up to the time the brother pays his dues? *Answer.*—Yes, they can.

115. *Question.*—Under Section 985, W. D. 1895, what is the extent of the "declination" required? Would every Past Grand of the Lodge have to be elected and then decline before dispensation provided could be asked? *Answer.*—It is not necessary for every qualified Past Grand belonging to the Lodge to decline to accept after they are elected. It is sufficient if on the night of election all present decline an election.

DECISIONS DISAPPROVED.

8. *Statement.*—The by-laws of a Lodge provide for the payment to its Treasurer the sum of fifty cents per month for his services as Treasurer, and also require the payment by its members the sum of fifty cents per month for dues. The Treasurer was taken sick, owing the Lodge $2 for four months' dues, and the Lodge owed him $2 for four months' service as Treasurer.

Question.—Was he in good standing in his Lodge and entitled to benefits? *Answer.*—Yes.

18. *Question.*—If a brother is reported sick with a chronic disease (rheumatism) and the Lodge pays forty weeks' benefits at two dollars per week; the brother is then a little better and is reported from the sick list; in a short time is reported sick again from same disease, and continues sick for a long time; must the Lodge pay him two dollars per week for fifty-two weeks from the date of last report, or can they pay the balance of twelve weeks, which would have been the brother's due if he had not been reported recovered from first sickness, and then one dollar per week thereafter? Would you call this last sickness a new one or a continuation of the old, where the disease is the same? *Answer.*—It is two separate cases of sickness, and the Lodge must pay him two dollars per week from date of last sickness.

113. *Question.*—Can a lady have the grand decoration of chivalry conferred upon her? *Answer.*—The grand decoration of chivalry can be conferred upon a lady as well as upon a brother; both are eligible for the decoration of chivalry, and I hold that the same rule will apply to the grand decoration.

New Legislation.

The following new legislation was enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE.

That hereafter the official receipt (certificate) shall be designated as the "Official Certificate," and shall be issued in all cases when members pay dues and assessments to subordinate bodies and shall request a receipt, and that such change be made in the form and matter as to make it plain and distinct, with ample space for necessary signatures, and a line for the location of body issuing it, and the date.

That the official certificate shall be issued by and signed by the Permanent Secretary of Subordinate Lodge, if there be one; the Financial Scribe, if there be one, of Encampments, or the Secretary of Rebekah Lodge, attested by the seal of the body issuing the same. If a Lodge has no Permanent Secretary, the certificate shall be signed by the Secretary, and if an Encampment has no Financial Scribe, shall be signed by the Scribe.

That the official certificate provided for by the legislation of 1896 shall be furnished to Subordinate Grand Bodies at and for the rate of eighty cents per hundred, and to Subordinate Lodges, Subordinate Encampments and Rebekah Lodges at the rate of one dollar per hundred.

That the official certificate and the visiting card shall be the only legal acknowledgment for dues and assessments paid by a member to the Subordinate Lodge, Subordinate Encampment, or Rebekah Lodge.

That in all other respects than as hereinabove set forth, said official certificate shall conform to and carry with it all rights and privileges provided by the legislation of 1896, relative to the subject-matter hereinabove referred to.

That the said official certificate heretofore engraved shall hereafter be lithographed, thus materially reducing its cost to this Grand Body; and if the same can be done, that the right to prepare it, and its exclusive use, be protected by letters-patent; otherwise, that it be copyrighted.

REBEKAH LEGISLATION.

The special committee appointed under a resolution offered that a committee of five prepare and report at this session a Rebekah Ritual, consisted of Reps. Nye of Minnesota, Humphrey of Illinois, Ross of Ontario, Nolen of Tennessee, and Pillsbury of Massachusetts. They called in consultation several prominent Rebekahs from other jurisdictions, and the result of their labors is a Ritual which, it is expected, will give general satisfaction. In its consideration each representative was furnished with a galley-proof copy, and careful scrutiny was given it before being adopted. The resolution authorizing the appointment

of the special committee also provided that the new Ritual be furnished to Rebekah Lodges in exchange for the Rituals now in use, free of charge.

That the 20th day of September be recognized as the anniversary of the institution of the Rebekah Degree, and that it be annually celebrated and commemorated by proper and appropriate ceremonies.

That the several Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby, permitted to authorize and empower the Presidents of their Rebekah Assemblies to appoint and commission district deputies for Rebekah Lodges in their respective jurisdictions.

That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Rebekah Lodge to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge to which any member of such Rebekah Lodge belongs, a list of the members of said Subordinate Lodge who are also members of said Rebekah Lodge: and thereafter to notify the Secretary of the proper Subordinate Lodge when any brother shall become a member of said Rebekah Lodge; and it shall be the duty of each Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge thus notified that a member or members of his Lodge are members of such Rebekah Lodge, to inform the Secretary of said Rebekah Lodge, without unnecessary delay, of the withdrawal by card, dropping, suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any such member.

The Rebekah Code was amended by defining the regalia and jewels to be worn by officers of Rebekah Lodges and for officers of a Rebekah Assembly. The regalia for officers of a Rebekah Lodge (which include Past Noble Grands) apply to all officers and Past Noble Grands irrespective of sex. Brethren who are not officers nor Past Noble Grands shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in a Rebekah Lodge.

P. M. LEGISLATION.

That the fiscal year, which shall govern the annual reports of the Cantons to their Department Commanders and to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall close December 31 of each year.

That a special committee be appointed to prepare an authorized Patriarchs Militant drill and tactics, and present the same for the consideration of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its next session.

That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to have printed, in pamphlet form, not to exceed one thousand copies of the revised Degree of the Decoration of Chivalry, and placed on sale as supplies at a price not to exceed twenty-five cents per copy.

That Sec. 64 of the P. M. Code be amended to read as follows: In case any officer elected shall refuse to accept or neglect to qualify, or in case a vacancy shall occur at any time, the Department Commander may fill the vacancy by appointment, or may order and conduct another election. And that upon the resignation of the Department

Commander, or from any cause a vacancy occurs in that office, a new election shall be ordered by the Assistant Adjutant General, and in the order calling for said election, a notice of thirty (30) days shall be given for nominations, and thirty (30) days for elections and returns, and in the interim the second ranking officer shall be in command.

That during the recess of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (when not in annual session) each Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant, who is a Past Grand in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in good standing, and has received the Royal Purple Degree, and is a member in good standing in an Encampment in good standing, and has received the Grand Lodge Degree, holding a certificate of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, under seal of the Grand Lodge of his jurisdiction, stating the foregoing, and that he is such Department Commander, shall be given access to the secret work of the Patriarchs Militant Degree.

That the pattern and design of the Patriarchs Militant button or badge, adopted by this Grand Lodge, at its session held in Dallas, Texas, in 1896, be patented by the Grand Secretary in the name of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to exchange the button or badge for all that may have been sold not authorized by this body, free of cost to the member purchasing the same. As amended, the report was adopted.

The special committee on advisability of creating an active military commander for the Patriarchs Militant, consists of Reps. Cadle of Missouri, Nutt of New Jersey, White of Washington; on militant regulations, Reps. Cable of Ohio, Norton of Minnesota, Guthrie of New York; Patriarchs Militant tactics, Reps. Witherup of Pennsylvania, Bruton of North Carolina, Uline of District of Columbia.

ENCAMPMENT LEGISLATION.

That Sec. 1002, White's Digest, requiring service in the offices of Senior Warden and High Priest as a qualification to the office of Chief Patriarch, is the general law, and in the absence of legislation by subordinate jurisdictions making it unnecessary to serve as High Priest, a Patriarch must serve a term as Senior Warden and High Priest to be eligible as Chief Patriarch.

That on the occasion of the grand parade and other ceremonies to be given in Boston in 1898, in honor of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, that Subordinate Encampments be allowed to wear the old or Royal Purple Degree uniform.

That the Grand Patriarch or D. D. G. P. officiating as installing officer in Subordinate Encampments, may invite a Canton, or a delegation of Chevaliers, to act as an escort to him, or assist in said installation, and they may, upon such an occasion, wear the uniform of

the Patriarchs Militant; provided, however, if the Grand Patriarch or D. D. G. P. is a Chevalier, he shall, in addition to his uniform, wear the jewel or regalia he is entitled to wear as such installing officer.

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL LEGISLATION.

That the special committee on Juvenile Degree be discharged, and the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

That appellants must furnish two hundred and fifty copies of all appeal papers, as required by the legislation of 1855 and 1887.

That the statistics of the Manchester Unity be no longer compiled and printed in the Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That in case of the absence of the brother or sister paying dues, a duly-accredited order for A. T. P. W. shall accompany said receipt.

That hereafter the printed Journal shall no longer be designated or referred to as the "Revised Journal," but as the "Journal of Proceedings."

That the sum of $1,500 be annually appropriated, commencing with this session, for the use of the Grand Sire for office expenses and for visitation.

That the Grand Secretary be directed to ship a complete set of the bound proceedings to every Odd Fellows' Home which has not already received them, without charge.

That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby, directed in all future editions of the Digest to have section 1834 eliminated, as it was never enacted into law by this Grand Body.

That this Sovereign Grand Lodge express, and place upon record, the sincere sympathy of this great brotherhood for our unfortunate and suffering brethren on the Island of Cuba.

That all cards in the Grand Secretary's office, and in the possession of Subordinate Lodges, which have on the margin the fac-simile signature of Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, are hereby declared legal.

That the sum of $500 be, and is hereby, appropriated to defray the traveling and other expenses incurred on behalf of the Order by the Special Deputy Grand Sire, Herman Block, during the ensuing year.

That the Grand Sire appoint a special committee, consisting of three members, to consider and codify the Funeral and Burial Ceremony, and make their report to this Sovereign Body at its next annual session.

That hereafter all assets of Subordinate Lodges whose charters have been surrendered may be placed to the credit of a fund to be called and known as "Aged Odd Fellows' Fund." Such fund may also be increased and maintained by voluntary contributions, and by such other means as are not inconsistent with the laws of the Order.

That Section 194, Digest of 1895, be amended so as to read as follows: That all withdrawal cards, visiting cards, and certificates for dues, assessments, fees, etc., should be signed by the holder thereof, in the presence of the officer by whom the A. T. P. W. or A. P. W. is communicated.

That the sum of one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the repair and preservation of the Wildey and Ridgely monuments, and that the representatives from Maryland, in connection with the Grand Secretary, be appointed a committee to carry into effect the above object.

That after January 1, 1898, no Grand or Subordinate body shall receive any credit for old rituals returned or destroyed, but all Grand and Subordinate bodies shall pay full price for all new rituals purchased.

That Section 958, of Digest of 1895, be amended by striking out the word "permanent" in the second line, and inserting the word "financial," so that the Permanent Secretary will hereafter be known as Financial Secretary.

That Grand Lodges may provide for the payment of a system of uniform dues and benefits (graded according to age), provided that the amount of benefits is not less than the minimum established by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That it shall be unlawful for any Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or any officer or member thereof, or any committee of any jurisdiction, to solicit aid or relief for any purpose, or in any manner, either by direct request for funds, sale of tickets or chances, or by any scheme whatever, from the Lodges, Encampments, or members of any other jurisdiction, without having first obtained the consent of the Grand Master of such other jurisdiction, if such appeal is to be made to the Lodges or members thereof, or of the Grand Patriarch, if such an appeal is to be made to Encampments or patriarchs thereof. Such consent can only be obtained upon proper request therefor, duly made by the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the soliciting jurisdiction of the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the solicited jurisdiction.

That all State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges, Encampments, and Department Councils shall enforce upon their subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdiction. They shall neither adopt or use, nor suffer to be adopted or used in their jurisdiction, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation or regalia, than those prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

That any member of the Order who shall introduce, sell or offer to introduce or sell to any Subordinate Lodge, Rebekah Lodge, En-

campment, or Canton of Patriarchs Militant, any device which in its character is calculated to make ridiculous the sublime lessons taught by the degrees of the Order, shall be guilty of an offense against the Order, and on conviction thereof, shall be expelled.

The Committee on Printing Supplies and the sub-Committee on Finance were directed to confer together for the purpose of determining whether or not more economical and better methods can be carried into effect in the purchase of supplies, and the publication of the Journals of Proceedings.

The sub-Committee on Finance for 1897-8 consists of Reps. Conway, of Illinois, and Stier, of Washington, D. C.; the Committee on Printing Supplies, of Reps. Farnham, of Rhode Island; Iszard, of New Jersey; Witherup, of Pennsylvania; and Grand Secretary Grant and Grand Treasurer Muckle.

In the future, the Committee on Printing Supplies is to require, in placing the contract for the printing of the Journal of Proceedings, that the contractor shall deliver the printed books in sixty days, or less, from the time of receiving the copy for the same from the Grand Secretary; and also under a valid bond, a money forfeiture of such an amount as they shall deem just for every day over sixty days that the contractor shall fail to fulfill the assigned contract.

Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, either separately or in conjunction, are permitted to hire physicians to attend Odd Fellows and their families afflicted with a contagious disease whenever the board of health of any state, city, town, or village, declare a contagious disease to be epidemic. This law was passed especially to aid the Odd Fellows of New Orleans, who are now struggling with the yellow-fever scourge.

THE REPRESENTATION.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge was attended by nine Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Sires, and one hundred and eighty-six Grand Representatives. Every Grand Jurisdiction subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge was represented, except the Grand Encampment of Arizona.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

All the proposed amendments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution were indefinitely postponed, including the propositions for "Biennial Sessions," "Qualifications for Grand Representatives," "Reduction of Representation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge," the "Eighteen-year-old Amendment," the "Juvenile Branch," the "Bureau of Correspondence and Information," the "Admission to the Rebekah Lodge of all white women over the age of 18 years," etc., and for "National Homes and Sanitariums"; but all were renewed, and will come up again next year.

Next Session at Boston.

The vote upon the selection of a place for the next annual meeting was as follows:

FIRST BALLOT.

Baltimore, Maryland, received	1 vote
Richmond, Virginia, received	44 votes
New Orleans, Louisiana, received	4 votes
Boston, Massachusetts, received	80 votes
Detroit, Michigan, received	47 votes
Scattering (Hot Springs, Arkansas,) received	2 votes
Total	178 votes
Necessary to a choice	90 votes

SECOND BALLOT.

Boston, Massachusetts, received	101 votes
Detroit, Michigan, received	45 votes
Richmond, Virginia, received	30 votes
Total	176 votes
Necessary to a choice	89 votes

Whereupon the Grand Sire declared that Boston, Massachusetts, having received a majority of the votes cast, was the place in which the session of 1898 is to be held.

Illinois Representatives.

Honorable recognition was given by the Grand Sire to the Representatives from Illinois in their appointment upon committees as follows:

Representative Smollinger—Committee on Foreign Relations.

Representative Carlin—Chairman of Committee on Legislation.

Representative Conway—Chairman Committee on Finance.

Representative Humphrey—Committee on Appeals, and Special Committee on Revision of Rebekah Ritual.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. O. Humphrey

E. J. Conway

J. O. Humphrey

Grand Representative.

Bro. Needles, P.G.M., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Document No. 1.

Resolved, That representatives and officers be allowed three days' attendance for this session.

The Committee on Analysis and Distribution presented the following report, which, under suspension of the rule, was considered and adopted.

Document No. 2.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee on Analysis and Distribution, to whom were referred the Reports of the Grand Officers, having duly considered the same, would respectfully recommend their reference to the several committees as follows:

So much of the Grand Master's Report as refers to Condition of the Order, Consolidations, Closed Lodges, Dedications, Reinstatements, Proclamations, Reciprocal Arrangements, Grand Lodge Printing, Official Instructors, Appeals for Aid, Dispensations, Correspondence, Decisions, Sovereign Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary, and Grand Lodge Committees, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That relating to New Lodges, Organization of New Lodges, and Daily Journal, to the Committee on Legislation.

That pertaining to Grand Secretary's Office, Report of Orphans' Home Board, and Revised Code, to the Committee on Finance.

That concerning the Kossuth Lodge case to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

That in reference to the Rebekah Branch of the Order, to the Committee on Rebekah Degree.

It is further recommended that the Grand Master appoint a Special Committee of three, to which shall be referred that portion of his report relating to the Old Folks' Home; that the Grand Master appoint a Special Committee of three, to which shall be referred that portion of his report concerning the Orphans' Home.

We also recommend that so much of the Grand Secretary's Report as relates to the Condition of the Order, Removal of Grand Secretary's Office, Losses by Fire, Veteran's Jewels, and Exchange of Rituals, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That such portion of his report as relates to Statement of Returns, Sale of Supplies, Inventory of Property of Office of Grand Secretary, Old Folks' Home Donations, and Cash Receipts for the Year, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

It is also recommended that the Report of the Grand Representatives be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. DAVIS,
JAMES E. TAYLOR,
A. E. PEASLEY,
Committee.

Rep. Beidelman, of No. 362, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Special Committee on Orphans' Home. See second report of that committee.

Document No. 3.

WHEREAS, We as Odd Fellows, have undertaken the care and education of our deceased brothers' orphaned children, and have established a Home for them, and now have under our care upwards of one hundred boys and girls who are dependent upon us for their future usefulness and success in life, and believing that industrial and manual training should go hand in hand with school work, thus fitting them for earning their own living when they leave our Home;

Therefore, resolved, That it is the sense of this body that technological training should be made a prominent feature of our Home, and that steps be taken at once to have a suitable building erected and fitted up for this purpose, and that suitable teachers be employed, so that every child may receive instruction in some useful trade or industry.

J. M. BEIDLEMAN,
Representative Congress Lodge No. 362.

The Grand Master announced the following appointment:

Special Committee on Orphans' Home—W. H. Crocker, of No. 214, P.G.R.; C. C. Cross, of No. 316; James P. O'Brien, Rep. of No. 230.

Bro. Stone, of No. 562, P.G.M., moved that all business pertaining to the "Old Folks' Home" be made the special order for 9 o'clock Thursday morning; and the motion prevailed.

The following paper, from John Ericsson Lodge, No. 361, was read and referred to the Committee on Rebekah Degree. See first report of that committee.

Document No. 4.

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship provides that all unmarried white women over the age of 18 years may become members of the Rebekah Degree; and

WHEREAS, These unmarried women, after becoming members of the Rebekah Degree, may intermarry with men who are not and may never become Odd Fellows; and

WHEREAS, If, after such intermarriage, the husband of such Rebekah member should be removed by death, then the Odd Fellows of the State are chargeable with the care, maintenance and support of the widow and children of such deceased husband; therefore, be it

Resolved, By John Ericsson Lodge No. 361, of I. O. O. F., that it is unjust and unfair to place upon the Odd Fellows of this State the burden of caring for and supporting such widows and children without any consideration therefor except the small fee charged for the initiation of Rebekah members; and be it further

Resolved, That our Represntative be hereby instructed to diligently work for the repeal of the third clause of Section 1 of Article III of the Constitution governing the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship, and to so amend said Constitution that Odd Fellows in good standing, and their wives, mothers and daughters only, shall be eligible to membership in the Rebekah branch of our Order.

The following resolution was presented, and was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See fifth report of that committee.

Document No. 5.

Resolved, That Section 10, Article VI, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby amended by adding the words: "Provided, that the Representative of no Lodge shall draw from the funds of this Grand Lodge for mileage and per diem more money than is paid in per capita tax by his said Lodge."

C. R. HUNT, No. 299,
J. A. ELLIS, No. 868,
D. R. GOUDIE, No. 141,
FRED CALL, No. 55,
CHAS. S. LOW, No, 202,
A. I. GOLDBERG, No. 613,
M. F. SHANNON, No. 10,
E. H. WHITE, No. 328,
W. G. HOLMES, No. 42,
G. N. BURKHARDT, No. 353,
J. H. HARRIS,
HENRY BRAUMOELLER, No. 221,
JOHN M. CARTER, No. 540,
JOHN PEARSON, No. 107,
A. DANHEISER, No. 490,
JOHN LORENTZ, No. 22,
Representatives.

[Document No. 6.]

Rep. J. P. O'Brien, of No. 230, moved to amend Section 10 of Article VI, Constitution Grand Lodge of Illinois, by adding after words "per diem," "provided, however, no Representative shall receive an amount in excess of what his Lodge pays in per capita."

The proposition was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See fifth report of that committee.

Rep. E. E. Kenyon, of No. 47, presented the following.

Document No. 7.

KANE LODGE NO. 47, I. O. O. F.,
ELGIN, ILLINOIS, November 2, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

GREETING: The following memorial has been fully discussed and adopted unanimously by Kane Lodge No. 47, I. O. O. F., located at Elgin, Illinois, as representing her sentiment on the subject-matter, to-wit:

First—There should be a more economical use of the large revenue collected and dispensed by your honorable body.

Second—That your honorable body should so instruct your representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge that that august body may know the sentiments of the Subordinate Lodges throughout this great State, which we believe to be the same as our own, on the subject of economy.

Third—At the coming session of your body there will be large sums of money appropriated for the several benevolent institutions instituted and about to be instituted in this jurisdiction, besides the amount for mileage and per diem and other expenses of your Grand Body.

Fourth—We believe that, if the usual amount is appropriated, an addition must be made to our already high enough per capita tax, which will be the means of forcing a raise of dues or a reduction of benefits, or both, which will check the growth and cripple to a large extent the usefulness of our Order.

Fifth—As a remedy, we believe that biennial sessions of your Grand Lodge will help more than it will injure our Order.

Sixth—We believe that instead of the donation of thousands of dollars to our Representatives under the guise of mileage, that is, six cents per mile one way, paid when the actual expense in some instances is less than one cent per mile, should cease, and actual transportation expenses only be allowed.

Seventh—We believe that the expenses of the Grand Lodge can be materially lessened by district representation instead of the present system, which, with its eight hundred representatives and numerous Past Grands, is an unwieldy body and a hindrance to proper legislation.

Eighth—We therefore humbly ask your Honorable Body to so amend your constitution along the line of our several suggestions that our benevolent work already begun may be carried on to the honor of the Order without the amount becoming such a load that our backs, already bending, may not be broken.

J. P. SNYDER, N.G.
[Seal.] T. B. ROWLANDS, Sec.

Also the following, signed by himself, and by Reps. C. A. Lemmers, of No. 60; J. K. Thompson, of No. 420; and C. J. Grimes, of No. 718.

Document No. 8.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois:

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge:

WHEREAS, In view of the fact that reasonable economy in any government is a wise provision to incorporate in its Constitution, and thus avoid needless expenditure of the people's money, is not only expedient, but advisable; and

WHEREAS, We believe that what holds good in our civil government will be equally good in the government of societies, and to that end we believe that biennial sessions of the Grand Lodge of this State will be a right step in the direction of reasonable economy in the affairs of the Order in this State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in Section 1 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., wherever the word "annual" appears it be stricken out, and the word "biennial" be substituted therefor, so that the said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Section 1. The Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the Third Tuesday in November. This meeting shall be styled the Biennial Session. Special sessions shall be held on the call of the Grand Master. When in biennial or special session, fifty representative members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time until the business of the session shall have been disposed of. The Biennial Session shall be held in the City of Springfield, except when otherwise ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the representatives present. A special session shall be held at the time and place designated by the Grand Master in the call.

Resolved, That Section 2 of Article VII be amended by striking out the word "annual" wherever it appears and the word "biennial" be substituted therefor, so that when the section is amended it shall read as follows:

Section 2. At the Biennial Sessions the elective Grand Officers shall be elected, and all business requiring the attention of the Grand Lodge transacted. At a special session, no business shall be transacted excepting that for which the session was called, which business must be distinctly stated in the call.

Resolved, That in Section 2 and Section 6 of Article IV, wherever the word "annual" appears the same be stricken out and the word "biennial" substituted, so that those sections may conform to the above amended article and sections.

The two documents (Nos. 7 and 8) were referred to the Committee on Legislation. See seventh report of that committee.

Rep. Goudie, of No. 141, seconded by Bro. J. P. Ellacott, of No. 416, offered the following.

Document No. 9.

WHEREAS, Fraternity is the foundation stone of Odd Fellowship, the Alpha and the Omega of the Order, the one sweet lesson taught fifty-two times in the year to and by nearly a million Odd Fellows in the United States; it follows that we more than any other class of citizens are deeply interested in everything that makes for the fraternization of the world; and

WHEREAS, The Anglo-American Treaty of Arbitration agreed upon by the Secretary of State and the Ambassador of Great Britain—a treaty originated by Secretary Gresham, completed by Secretary Olney, and supported by Secretary Sherman; a treaty recommended by the Queen of Great Britain and by the Presidents of the United States in succession; a treaty supported by the intelligent Christian sentiment of the whole country,—has been defeated practically by four men; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of Illinois deeply regrets the rejection of the treaty, as it was the first attempt to form a permanent International Court of Justice; but rejoices to know that of the twenty-six Senators who voted against the treaty, ten represented a smaller number of our people than can be found in any one of our five great cities.

Resolved, That it is the duty of our government to conclude arbitration treaties with all nations, simply as business propositions, and without reference to the history, character or pretensions of the contracting parties.

Resolved, That the commercial and financial interests, as well as the educated Christian sentiment of the Republic, demand international arbitration as a substitute for war in the settlement of all international disputes, and insist that the American people shall lead in this great movement to bless mankind.

On motion of Rep. Muir, of No. 440, the resolutions were laid on the table.

[Document No. 10 was withdrawn, and was again introduced Wednesday morning in amended form.]

The Committee on Finance presented the following, which was laid on the table, under the rule. Adopted Wednesday morning.

Document No. 11.

First report, by Bro. Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows: That we met at the office of the Grand Secretary in the City of Springfield on the 12th day of May, 1897, and beg to report as follows:

We have made a careful inventory of the stock on hand, and have checked up the sales of the Grand Secretary's office, and find that they agree with the Secretary's books. We also find net profits on sales of his office for supplies of $2,361.25.

We have audited all bills of expense, find them correct, with proper vouchers, and approve the same. The receipts of the Grand Secretary's office for the past six months from all sources have been $33,486.26, which amount is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, as per receipts on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

We find all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Grand Secretary have been attended to in the usual systematic manner characteristic of his former work, and receives our hearty approval.

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
D. J. HARRISON,
W. V. WEISE.

The same committee presented the following.

[Document No. 12.]

Second report, by Bro. Krohn of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Subordinate Lodge returns: Nos. 33, 61, 66, 82, 167, 216, 226, 228, 242, 252, 260, 275, 302, 358, 390, 403, 407, 414, 425, 430, 453, 459, 468, 472, 474, 494, 498, 512, 519, 522, 535, 551, 555, 578, 582, 587, 618, 621, 624, 625, 629, 633, 655, 693, 705, 706, 723, 728, 731, 762, 767, 772, 773, 788, 791, 797, 818, 855, have sent neither capitation tax nor report for the term ending March 1st, 1897.

Your committee beg to refer this to the Grand Lodge without recommendation.

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
D. J. HARRISON.

On motion of Bro. Nason, of No, 109, P.G.Sec., the rule was suspended and the report was considered.

On further motion of Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, the report under consideration was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See fourteenth report of that committee.

The same committee presented the following reports, which were laid on the table, under the rule. All adopted Wednesday morning.

Document No. 13.

Third report, by Bro. Harrison, of No. 288.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

INVENTORY OF GRAND LODGE SUPPLIES, MAY 1, 1897.

	Stock on hand Nov. 1, 1896.	Bought.	Total.	Sold.	Stock on hand May 1, 1897.
Cards	2,424	2,700	5,124	3,138	1,986
Rituals	134	3,820	3,954	3,566	388
Odes	3,824	1,200	5,024	1,562	3,462
Book of Odes	99	.....	99	22	77
Degree Charts	17	.....	17	5	12
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	1,017	.....	1,017	73	944
White's Digest	48	.....	48	*11	37
Book of Forms	61	.....	61	†15	46
Diplomas, "Subordinate"	109	.....	109	1	108
Diplomas, "Rebekah"	24	.....	24	.....	24
Veteran Jewels	67	50	117	50	67
Illinois Codes 1881	2	.....	2	.....	2
Supplement to Code	669	.....	669	.....	669
Charters and Borders	280	.....	280	76	204
S. G. L. Journals	16	16	32	‡16	16
Floor Works	413	.....	413	62	351
Insurance Certificates	1	.....	1	1	.....
Grand Lodge Cards	136	.....	136	25	111
Odes With Music	120	.....	120	10	110
Petitions for Membership	6,680	.....	6,680	.....	6,680
Question Book	12	.....	12	7	5
Rebekah Codes	.....	50	50	.....	50
Assembly Floor Work	.....	6	6	.....	6
Official Receipts	.....	92,000	92,000	69,500	22,500

* Four given away. † One given away. ‡ Given to G. M.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. Harrison,
Jacob Krohn,
W. V. Weise.

Document No. 14.

Fourth report, by Bro. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

STOCK ON HAND MAY 1, 1897.

Cards	1,986 @	$0.20	$397 20
Rituals	388 "	2.00	776 00
Odes	3,462 "	.03	103 86
Book of Odes	77 "	.50	38 50
Degree Charts	12 "	2.00	24 00
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	944 "	.20	188 80
White's Digest	37 "	2.50	92 50
Book of Forms	46 "	.75	34 50
Diplomas, "Subordinate"	108 "	.50	54 00
Diplomas, "Rebekah"	24 "	.20	4 80
Veteran Jewels	67 "	3.50	234 50
Illinois Codes 1881	2 "	.63	1 26
Supplement to Code	669 "	.43	287 67
Charters and Borders	204 "	.25	51 00
S. G. L. Journals	16 "	1.50	24 00
Floor Works	351 "	.30	105 30
Grand Lodge Cards	111 "	.10	11 10
Odes with Music	110 "	.08	8 80
Petitions for Membership	6,680 "	.00½	33 40
Question Book	5 "	1.00	5 00
Rebekah Codes	50 "	.05	2 50
Assembly Floor Work	6 "	.50	3 00
Official Receipts	22,500 "	.02½	562 50
			$3,044 19

Respectfully submitted.

W. V. Weise,
D. J. Harrison,
Jacob Krohn.

Document No. 15.

Fifth report, by Bro. Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES IN GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MAY 1, 1897.

1	Hall Safe	$100 00
2	Tables	5 00
3	Desks	75 00
1	Letter Press	3 00
14	Office Chairs	20 00
9	Pigeon-hole Cases	225 00
1	Set Grand Lodge Regalia	15 00
1	Grand Lodge Seal	5 00
1	Bust "Father Wildey"	15 00
1	Letter Scales	1 00
	Carpets, Curtains, etc	75 00
1	Typewriter, Remington No. 2	125 00
1	Bureau	10 00
		$674 00

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
D. J. HARRISON.

Document No. 16.

Sixth report, by Bro. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

BUSINESS STATEMENT

Of purchases and sales by Grand Secretary for six months ending May 1, 1897.

To stock on hand November 1, 1896	$2,796 50	
" bought during six months	10,720 50	
By sale of Cards		$784 50
" Rituals		4,558 75
" Old Rituals to S. G. L. @ $1.00 each		3,458 00
" Odes		78 10
" Book of Odes		14 30
" Degree Charts		11 25
" Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies		18 25
" White's Digests		21 00
" Book of Forms		13 00
" Diplomas, "Subordinate"		75
" Veteran Jewels		200 00
" Floor Works		24 80
" Insurance Certificates		10 00
" Grand Lodge Cards		25 00
" Odes with Music		1 00
" Question Books		10 50
" Official Receipts		2,085 00
" Defunct Lodges		327 51
" New Lodges		516 60
" Grand Lodge Journals		1 75
Stock on hand May 1, 1897		3,718 19
Profit on six months' business	2,361 25	
	$15,878 25	$15,878 25

Fraternally submitted.

D. J. Harrison,
W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn.

Document No. 17.

Seventh report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

CASH STATEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING MAY 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Dr.		*Cr.*	
Cards	$784 50	Remitted to Grand Treas. T. B. Needles	$33,486 26
Rituals	4,558 75		
Odes	78 10		
Book of Odes	14 30		
Degree Charts	11 25		
Funeral and Anni. Cer.	18 25		
White's Digest	21 00		
Book of Forms	13 00		
Diplomas	75		
Veteran Jewels	200 00		
New Codes	78 00		
Floor Work	24 80		
Grand Lodge Cards	25 00		
Insurance Certificates	10 00		
New Charters	516 60		
Journals	1 75		
Rebekah Tax	2,353 10		
Defunct Lodges	327 51		
Odes with Music	1 00		
Question Books	10 50		
Old Folks' Home	252 40		
Official Receipts	2,085 00		
Capitation Tax, Sub	22,100 70		
	$33,486 26		$33,486 26

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
D. J. HARRISON,
W. V. WEISE.

Document No. 18.

Eighth report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No, 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

BUSINESS STATEMENT

Of purchases and sales by the Grand Secretary for six months ending November 1, 1897.

To stock on hand May 1, 1897	*$3,044 19	
" " bought during six months	1,640 00	
By sale of Cards		$431 00
" Rituals		513 00
" Old Rituals to S. G. L. @ $1.00 each		825 00
" Odes		45 45
" Book of Odes		7 15
" Degree Charts		9 00
" Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies		48 25
" White's Digest		12 00
" Book of Forms		14 00
" Veteran Jewels		276 00
" Floor Works		14 40
" Insurance Certificates		10 00
" Grand Lodge Cards		17 00
" Odes with Music		50
" Question Books		10 50
" Rebekah Codes		1 10
" Assembly Floor Work		50
" Official Receipts		297 00
" Defunct Lodges		36 05
" Profit on New Lodges		241 80
" Grand Lodge Journals		1 25
By stock on hand Nov. 1, 1897		2,750 57
Profit on six months' business	877 33	
	$5,561 52	$5,561 52

*The furniture account of $674.00 has been taken out of the stock account.

Respectively submitted,

D. J. Harrison,
W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn.

Document No. 19.

Ninth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES IN GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

1 Hall Safe.
4 Tables.
5 Desks.
1 Letter Press.
22 Office Chairs.
9 Pigeon-hole Cases.
1 Set Grand Lodge Regalia.
1 Grand Lodge Seal.
1 Bust, "Father Wildey."
1 Letter Scales.
Linoleum, Rugs and Shades.
1 Typewriter, Remington No. 2.
1 Bureau.
3 Oak Cases.

No estimated value is given to these articles, for the reason that the Finance Committee held no meeting prior to the printing of this report.

Fraternally submitted.

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

Document No. 20.

Tenth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

STOCK ON HAND NOV. 1, 1897.

Cards	2,162	@	$0.20	$ 432 40
Rituals	445	"	2.00	890 00
Odes	3,553	"	.03	106 59
Book of Odes	66	"	.50	33 00
Degree Charts	8	"	2.00	16 00
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	751	"	.20	150 20
White's Digest	30	"	2.50	75 00
Book of Forms	32	"	.75	24 00
Diplomas—"Subordinate"	108	"	.50	54 00
" —"Rebekah"	24	"	.20	4 80
Veteran Jewels	48	"	3.50	168 00
Illinois Codes	2	"	.63	1 26
Supplement to Code	669	"	.43	287 67
Charters and Borders	204	"	.25	51 00
S. G. L. Journals	16	"	1.50	24 00
Floor Works	315	"	.30	94 50
Insurance Certificates	9	"	.50	4 50
Grand Lodge Cards	94	"	.10	9 40
Odes with Music	105	"	.08	8 40
Petitions for Membership	6,680	"	.00½	33 40
Question Books	48	"	1.00	48 00
Rebekah Codes	39	"	.05	1 95
Assembly Floor Work	5	"	.50	2 50
Official Receipts	9,200	"	.02½	230 00
				$2,750 57

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
D. J. HARRISON.

Document No. 21.

Eleventh report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

CASH STATEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING NOV. 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.	
Dr.			*Cr.*	
Cards	$431	00	Remitted to Grand Treas.	
Rituals	513	00	T. B. Needles	$25,858 45
Odes	45	45		
Book of Odes	7	15		
Degree Charts	9	00		
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	48	25		
White's Digest	12	00		
Book of Forms	14	00		
Veteran Jewels	276	00		
New Code	48	00		
Floor Works	14	40		
Grand Lodge Cards	17	00		
Insurance Certificates	10	00		
New Charters	241	80		
Grand Lodge Journals	1	25		
Rebekah Tax	2,441	80		
Defunct Lodges	36	05		
Odes with Music		50		
Question Books	10	50		
Official Receipts	297	00		
Capitation Tax	21,219	45		
Old Folks' Home	163	25		
Assembly Installation work		50		
Rebekah Codes	1	10		
	$25,858	45		$25,858 45

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

D. J. Harrison,
Jacob Krohn,
W. V. Weise.

Document No. 22.

Twelfth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of

INVENTORY OF GRAND LODGE SUPPLIES NOV. 1, 1897.

	On hand May 1, 1897.	Bought.	Total.	Sold.	On hand Nov. 1, 1897.
Cards	1986	1900	3886	1724	2162
Rituals	388	500	888	443	445
Odes	3462	1000	4462	909	3553
Book of Odes	77	.....	77	11	66
Degree Charts	12	.....	12	4	8
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	944	.....	944	193	751
White's Digest	37	.....	37	*7	30
Book of Forms	46	.....	46	14	32
Diplomas—"Subordinate"	108	.....	108	.....	108
" —"Rebekah"	24	.....	24	.....	24
Veteran Jewels	67	50	117	69	48
Illinois Codes, 1881	2	.....	2	.....	2
Supplement to Code	669	.....	669	.....	666
Charters and Borders	204	.....	204	.....	204
S. G. L. Journals	16	.....	16	.....	16
Floor Works	351	.....	351	36	315
Insurance Certificates	.....	10	10	1	9
Grand Lodge Cards	111	.....	111	17	94
Odes with Music	110	.....	110	5	105
Petitions for Membership	6680	.....	6680	.....	6680
Question Books	5	50	55	7	48
Rebekah Codes	50	.....	50	11	39
Assembly Floor Work	6	.....	6	1	5
Official Receipts	22500	.....	22500	13300	9200

*Three copies given to J. and A. Committee.

Fraternally submitted.

Jacob Krohn,
W. V. Weise,
D. J. Harrison.

Document No. 23.

Thirteenth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Grand Lodge Journal:

Your committee would recommend the printing of 2,500 copies in the English language and 150 copies in German—both to be bound in cloth.

Fraternally submitted.

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

Document No. 24.

Fourteenth report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Books and Accounts of the Grand Secretary:

Your committee have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, together with all vouchers, etc., and find all correct,—the amount of cash received by him during the fiscal year ending Oct. 31st, 1897, being $59,344.71, for which he holds receipts from the Grand Treasurer covering the entire amount.

We would further report that the systematic and careful manner in which Grand Secretary James R. Miller conducts the affairs of his office entitles him to the best thanks of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

The same committee presented the following report, which, under suspension of the rule, was, on motion of Bro. Golden, of No. 822, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See fifteenth report of that committee.

Document No. 25.

Fifteenth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of Delinquent Lodges: The following Lodges were, on October 31st, 1897, delinquent to the Grand Lodge with their capitation tax: Nos. 126, 167, 177, 216, 238, 278, 358, 454, 461, 494, 498,

519, 535, 574, 578, 611, 631, 655, 671, 681, 706, 723, 762, 773, 788, 797, 805, 834, 838. Your committee would respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the necessity of adopting such measures as will enforce the prompt payment of the capitation tax. The steady increase of demands on the funds of this body renders it imperative that some steps be taken.

Fraternally submitted.

D. J. Harrison,
Jacob Krohn,
W. V. Weise.

[Document No. 26, being the sixteenth report of the Committee on Finance, was withdrawn before final action was had upon it, and, together with the twenty-ninth report, reappears later in amended form, as the thirty-fourth report of this committee.]

The Committee on Finance presented the following, which were laid on the table, under the rule. Adopted Wednesday morning.

Document No. 27.

Seventeenth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the Books and Accounts of Grand Treasurer T. B. Needles:

Cash in General fund	$14,842 48	
Cash in Old Folks' Home fund	11,637 49	
Cash in Special Relief fund	2,630 60	
Cash in Special Orphans' Home fund of Rebekah Lodges working in the German language	451 47	
U. S. 4 per cent bonds in Special Relief fund	3,000 00	
The Grand Treasurer has exhibited a certificate of deposit from Washington County Bank, at Nashville, Ill., of		$13,593 83
A deposit slip with the Illinois National Bank, of Springfield, Ill., of		15,000 00
A receipt for 30 U. S. 4 per cent bonds of $100 each		3,000 00
	$32,562 04	$31,593 83
Due to Grand Treasurer on account of overpayment to Orphans' Home		968 21
	$32,562 04	$32,562 04

Your committee would call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the overdraft of $968.21 on account of the Orphans' Home, and respectfully recommend that hereafter no warrant on any fund shall be honored by the Grand Treasurer when such fund does not show upon the books of the Grand Treasurer sufficient money to pay such warrant.

Your committee further report that they have also examined the Books and Vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct, and recommend that all cancelled vouchers be burned.

Respectfully submitted.

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

The Committee on Printing presented the following reports, which were laid on the table, under the rule. Both adopted Wednesday morning.

Document No. 28.

First report, by Bro. John R. Camp, of No. 322.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Printing of Stationery and Blanks for next year.

The following bids were received:

Illinois State Journal	$203 60
Ed. F. Hartmann	219 95
Illinois State Register	221 65
Pantagraph Co	234 65
Calumet Printing Co	303 45

We found that by dividing the work between the two lowest bidders we could save quite an amount of money, and therefore let the contracts as follows:

Illinois State Journal, Nos. 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 50, 72, 79	$ 69 00
Ed. F. Hartmann, 12, 84, 6, 7, 83, 8, 87, 9, 10, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 44, 45, 69, 70, 21, 14, 3, 4, 5½, 27, 17	113 50

Fraternally,

John R. Camp,
H. Dinkelman,
J. R. Kewley,
Sven Windrow,
P. A. Coal.

Document No. 29.

Second report, by Bro. P. A. Coal, of No. 542.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of German Journal.

The following bids for the German Edition of the Journal of 1897 were received:

Max Stern & Co.	$1 30 per page
Belleville Post & Zeitung Co.	1 33 per page

Max Stern & Co. being the lowest bidders, the contract was awarded to them.

Fraternally,

P. A. Coal,
John R. Camp,
H. Dinkelman,
J. R. Kewley,
Sven Windrow.

The same committee presented the following report:

Document No. 30.

Third report, by Bro. H. Dinkelman, of No. 488.

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Officers' Reports, Daily Journal and Annual Journal of the Session of 1897:

For 1,200 Officers' Reports, 175 pages:

Ed. F. Hartmann	$125 00
Illinois State Register	150 00
Illinois State Journal	156 00
H. W. Rokker	221 90

For the Daily Journal:

Ed. F. Hartmann	$1.25	per page.
H. W. Rokker	1.30	per page.
Illinois State Journal	1.40	per page.
Illinois State Register	1.45	per page.

For Annual Journal, 450 pages, 2,500 copies:

Ed. F. Hartmann	$870 00
Illinois State Register	872 00
Illinois State Journal	972 35
H. W. Rokker	1,038 10

With the following allowance for matter used from Grand Officers' Reports and Daily Journal:

Illinois State Journal..... 50 cents per page.
Illinois State Register..... 50 cents per page.
Ed. F. Hartmann..... 60 cents per page.
H. W. Rokker..... 90 cents per page.

As it appeared that the bids of Ed. F. Hartmann, were the most favorable to this Grand Lodge, the contracts were awarded to him.

Fraternally,

H. Dinkelman,
John R. Camp,
J. R. Kewley,
Sven Windrow,
P. A. Coal.

Bro. Nason, of No. 109, P.G.Sec., moved a suspension of the rule and that the report be adopted.

The motion to suspend prevailed, and the report was adopted.

The same committee presented the following reports, which were laid on the table, under the rule. Both adopted Wednesday morning.

Document No. 31.

Fourth report, by Bro. John R. Camp, of No. 322.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Printing, would respectfully report as follows in relation to the matter of printing Circulars, Proclamations, etc.

The following bids were received:

	Composition per 1000	Presswork per 1000	Paper per lb.	Folding 2 folio per 1000	Folding 3 folio per 1000
State Journal	30	75	10	40	50
State Register	35	40	8	30	45
Edward F. Hartmann	40	50	6	50	75

The offer of the Illinois State Register appearing to be the lowest on an average, the contract was awarded to that company.

Fraternally,

John R. Camp,
J. R. Kewley,
Sven Windrow,
H. Dinkelman,
P. A. Coal,
Committee.

Document No. 32.

Fifth report, by Bro. John R. Camp, of No. 322.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of printing Proceedings of Judiciary and Appeals Committee.

The following bids were received:

	Price per page.	Stereo. or Lineotype.
Illinois State Journal	$ .99	.40
Illinois State Register	1.10	.40
Edward F. Hartmann	1.25	.35

The bid of the Illinois State Journal being the lowest, the contract was awarded to that company.

Fraternally,

JOHN R. CAMP,
J. R. KEWLEY,
SVEN WINDROW,
H. DINKELMAN,
P. A. COAL,
Committee.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented the following reports, which were laid on the table, under the rule. All adopted Wednesday morning.

Document No. 33.

First report, by Bro. Isaac N. Roland, of No. 61.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Lodges Consolidated:

That experience, as a rule, has demonstrated the fact that when the members of the several Lodges interested are agreed, the Lodges and Order in general have been benefited.

We therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Master in granting dispensation for the following Lodges be approved, to wit: Winterrowd Lodge No. 869, of Winterrowd, and Lucas Lodge No. 828, of Elliottstown; consolidated under the name of Winterrowd Lodge No. 869, of Winterrowd, by Bro. W. L. Goodell, of Effingham.

Fraternally submitted.

ISAAC N. ROLAND,
J. L. BARNUM,
W. F. HOLT,
A. M. HOUSER,
Committee.

Document No. 34.

Second report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Lodges Closed, as reported by the Grand Secretary, to-wit:

Toluca Lodge No. 818, Toluca.

Nunda Lodge No. 701, Nunda.

Stonington Lodge No. 695, Stonington.

Tonti Lodge No. 399, Ottawa.

Hoopeston Lodge No. 498, Hoopeston.

That, after due examination, we recommend that the action of the Grand Master in closing said Lodges be approved.

J. L. Barnum,
Isaac N. Roland,
W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser,
Committee.

Document No. 35.

Third report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Dedication of New Halls:

We, your Committee on State of the Order, having examined that part of the report of the Grand Master relating to dedications of new halls, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are of the opinion that his action in the matter should be sustained and confirmed. Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
Isaac N. Roland,
Committee.

Document No. 36.

Fourth report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No. 870.

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Reinstatements by the Grand Master, that his action in reinstating the following expelled members: J. T. McClelland, Loraine Lodge No. 641; W. O. Funk,

Kickapoo Lodge No. 90; Almer H. Smith, Olio Lodge No. 311; John Backinghouse, Opal Lodge No. 99; Allen Highsmith, Prairie Lodge No. 20; Henry Ator, Ambrosia Lodge No. 778, be approved and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
Isaac N. Roland,
Committee.

Document No. 37.

Fifth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respecfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Proclamations reported by the Grand Master in his report to this Grand Body concerning same:

That we have carefully examined the report of the Grand Master in this regard, and are of the opinion that his actions have been judicious and wise in the premises. We therefore recommend that his action in promulgating the Anniversary and Memorial Day proclamation be approved and commended.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
Isaac N. Roland,
Committee.

Document No. 38.

Sixth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to submit the following report in regard to Reciprocal Arrangements. We have examined that part of the Grand Master's Report relating to aforesaid subject, and are of the opinion that the Grand Master's action in corresponding with the Grand Masters of Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin should be commended and approved; and your committee are further of the opinion that the incoming Grand Master be empowered to continue this work in the direction toward perfecting Reciprocal Arrangements with sister jurisdictions of adjoining States.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
Isaac N. Roland,
Committee.

Document No. 39.

Seventh report, by Bro. Isaac N. Roland, of No. 61.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Grand Lodge Printing:

Your committee beg leave to report on that portion of the Grand Master's Report found on page 10 wherein he says the Printing Committee of the Grand Lodge is a very important committee, and should, as far as possible, be composed of practical printers and business men of good judgment. The present Printing Committee has had supervision of the printing of the Code and other work of vast importance, and the members of said committee are to be complimented for their able, intelligent and untiring efforts in transacting the business of the Grand Lodge in their department.

We fully concur in the views expressed, and respectfully recommend its approval and adoption.

ISAAC N. ROLAND,
J. L. BARNUM,
A. M. HOUSER,
W. F. HOLT,
Committee.

Document No. 40.

Eighth report, by Bro. J. L Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Official Instructors in the report of the Grand Master:

Your committee, after due examination of the earnest and effective work as accomplished by Chief Official Instructor Walter E. Carlin and his able corps of Official Examiners and Instructors, fully coincide with his words of commendation, and recommend that his action be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. BARNUM,
ISAAC N. ROLAND,
W. F. HOLT,
A. M. HOUSER,
Committee.

Document No. 41.

Ninth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Appeals for Aid. In regard to the appeals for aid, concerning which a report is made in the Grand

Master's Report to this Grand Body, we, your Committee on the State of the Order, would respectfully report that the action of the Grand Master in refusing permission to appeal to the Lodges of this jurisdiction for aid to build halls, to pay indebtedness of Lodges, and to pay losses by fire, be approved. We are further of the opinion and recommend that his action in the case of Grape Creek Lodge No. 632, wherein Sister Charlotte Roberts and Brother Edward Roberts lost their homes and all their other property by fire, leaving them entirely destitute, and in which case the Grand Master granted them permission to appeal to the Lodges of this jurisdiction for aid—the Grand Master having made a detailed report of the same, relating to the proceeds resulting from said appeal and the expenditure of same in the interest of aforesaid Brother and Sister Roberts, and the committee in charge of the funds having remitted the surplus balance after supplying the necessary wants of the aforesaid Sister and Brother, amounting to $126.01, as per the following report hereto appended—be sustained, and the action of the Grand Master be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
Isaac N. Roland,
Committee.

[For the detailed report above referred to, see page 13.]

Document No. 42.

Tenth report, by Bro. W. F. Holt

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Dispensations:

That the action of the Grand Master in granting dispensations to Lodges to give entertainments, hold public installations, and for other purposes for which permission is necessary, be approved; and we emphatically disapprove of Lodges holding entertainments, etc., without dispensations, as recited by the Grand Master, and recommend that Deputies of the Grand Master be held accountable for all such infringements of the law.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
Isaac N. Roland,
Committee.

Document No. 43.

Eleventh report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, having examined that portion of the Grand Master's Report having reference to Correspondence, would respectfully call the attention of the Lodges and our membership to the fact that, while the task imposed upon the Grand Master is a very arduous one, we commend his action in the various matters that were presented to him, and replying to each individual case, but are of the opinion that the Grand Master should not be burdened with trivial matters that are constantly being sent to him, which should be acted upon by his Deputies, and would recommend, for the benefit of future Grand Masters, that they adhere as nearly as possible to the established law.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
Isaac N. Roland,
W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser,
Committee.

Document No. 44.

Twelfth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Grand Secretary's office, in reference to the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session found on page 237 of the Journal of 1896, and the report of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee on page 274, constituting the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer a committee to carry into effect, were adopted as follows:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Whereas, In the construction of the splendid temple now in process of erection, the Odd Fellows of the City of Springfield give evidence of that commendable spirit of progress which so much characterizes our noble Order, and is so worthy of commendation and encouragement; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be, and they are hereby, authorized to secure suitable rooms and ample vaults for the archives and office of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge in said building, and on the best terms that can be obtained.

Resolved, That the term of years for which a lease of these rooms shall be had be left to the judgment of the Grand Officers named, as upon such term of years the rental value will be largely based.

Under the above instructions, the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and myself visited and thoroughly examined the Odd Fellows' building, and secured quarters for the office of the Grand Secretary on the fourth floor of said building at a rental of $50.00 per month.

The rooms covered by the lease were numbered originally from 405 to 411 inclusive, 414 and 415, and a large brick vault, all on the west side of the fourth floor of said building. The rooms were found to be too small for the convenience of the offices of the Grand Secretary, and accordingly several partitions were removed, thus making fewer rooms, but occupying the same space. The room covered by this lease is about twice the space ever occupied by the Grand Secretary in prior leases, and has been greatly needed for years, as all brothers having occasion to visit the offices during the Grand Lodge sessions will testify. In order to secure the best terms possible, a five-year lease was taken.

The lease was signed on the 26th day of December, 1896; and the term of years was from March 1st, 1897, or as soon thereafter as the building would be ready for occupancy, to the first day of March, 1902, A. D.

The building was not sufficiently completed to warrant the Grand Secretary in moving into the new quarters until the first of May, 1897, at which time the offices were removed. The carpets and part of the furniture in the offices were almost worthless, having been used for many years, and the enlarged quarters necessitated the expenditure of about $300.00 in new furnishings. We believe that all who visit the new quarters will agree that the Order now has offices which reflect credit upon the great Order of Odd Fellows in Illinois, and at a reasonable expense to the fraternity.

We are of the opinion that the above-named committee have carried out the work assigned to them to the best interests of the Order, and have provided ample room and excellent accommodations for years to come; and we therefore recommend that the action of said committee be fully approved and indorsed.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
Isaac N. Roland,
W. F. Holt,
Committee.

Bro. J. P. Ellacott, of No. 416, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See third report of that committee.

Document No. 45.

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article VIII of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended by inserting after the words "at such place," in the thirteenth line of such section, the following:

And provided, further, That where there are twenty or more Lodges working in the language of a proposed Lodge, the application shall be approved with the consent of two-thirds of the twelve nearest Lodges to the location of the proposed Lodge.

Rep. Seeberg, of No. 782, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See fourth report of that committee.

Document No. 46.

WHEREAS, Section 8, Article II, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges requires that Lodges in the place be notified in case a candidate for initiation is rejected; and

WHEREAS, In large cities there is an expense of about three dollars on each rejection; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Section 8, Article II, of the Constitution be hereby amended as follows: Where a candidate for membership by initiation has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent to the nearest Lodges in the vicinity, and he cannot again be proposed in any Lodge until six months have elapsed. A proposition for membership otherwise than by initiation may be renewed at any time.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 47.

Fifth report, by Bro. Isaac Golden, of No 822.

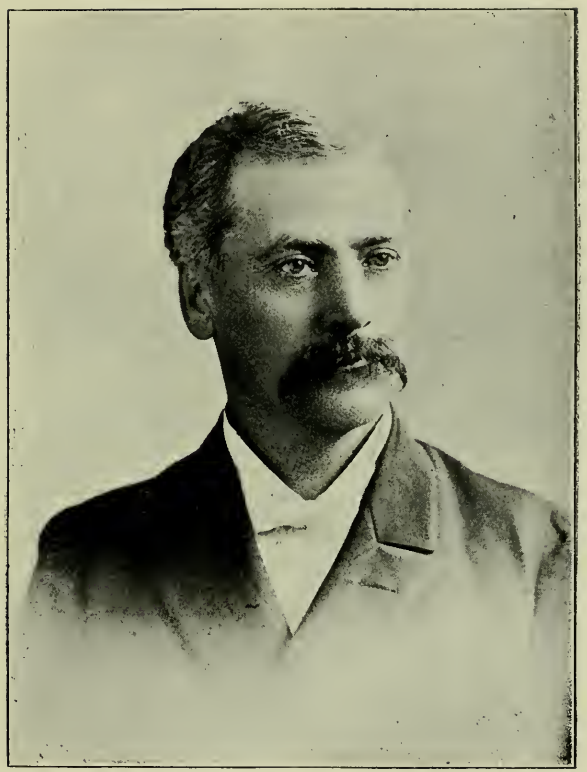
To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of Past Grands entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:

H. J. Votaw, No. 65; S. A. Unger, No. 607; R. G. Johnston, No. 529; C. W. McVey, No. 633; J. H. Gauger, No. 213; J. R. Webber, No. 433; Fred Munsell, No. 387; Frank Dewey, No. 769; John M. Briggs, No. 545; Frederick Jung, No. 691; John A. Kurtz, No. 873.

ISAAC GOLDEN,
W. H. HALL,
SAMUEL E. ERICKSON.

Rep. Warner, of No. 160, offered the following, which, on motion, was laid on the table.



J. A. Lucas.

Grand Chaplain.

Document No. 48.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

WHEREAS, The construction and maintenance of the Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, their wives or widows, and Sisters of Rebekah, will require a greater outlay than at first contemplated by this Grand Body, and sincerely believing that every Odd Fellow in this jurisdiction feels a personal interest in the prompt and early completion of this great living monument to Illinois Odd Fellowship; therefore, be it hereby

Resolved, That the Grand Master is hereby requested and authorized to appoint a Committee of Ways and Means, consisting of five members of this Grand Lodge, who shall be empowered to formulate and present a feasible and practical plan for the purpose of raising additional funds for the erection and maintenance of said Old Folks' Home.

Resolved, That said committee shall serve without remuneration, and make their report no later than Thursday morning, November 18, at 10 o'clock, when all business before this Grand Lodge shall be suspended and the said report fully considered and acted upon.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing is hereby authorized to have said report printed and ready for distribution on Thursday morning at opening of Grand Lodge, and to furnish such other printed matter as may be required.

Resolved, That this committee, if they shall deem it advisable, shall have the right of soliciting subscriptions from Representatives, Past Grands, and Sisters of Rebekah, but shall not have the power to collect any money, and no immediate cash donations of any description.

The Grand Master announced the following appointment:

Special Committee on Old Folks' Home—Chas. S. Thornton, of No 858; Sam J. Baker, of No. 180, P.G.R.; Louis Kistler, of No. 506.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, and was closed in due form.

Wednesday Morning, November 17.

9 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Rankin in the chair.

Present—Grand Officers as yesterday, with a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Master appointed as assistants to the Grand Marshal the same brothers acting yesterday.

The Grand Marshal, with his assistants, having examined the members present, reported all correct.

The Opening Ode was sung and the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Grand Lodge was then declared regularly opened for the transaction of business.

Bro. Humphrey, of No. 465, G.R., moved that the first, second, third and fourth reports of the Committee on Credentials, presented at the Special Session held Tuesday afternoon, be now adopted without reading; and the motion prevailed.

Bro. Phillips, P. G. M., made a statement in relation to the condition and needs of the family of Grand Chaplain Bowen, deceased, and moved that a committee be appointed to collect contributions for their aid.

The motion prevailed, and the Grand Master appointed as such committee Bros. R. K. Dewey, J. H. Robinson, and W. R. Tripp.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following reports, which were considered and adopted.

Document No. 49.

Sixth report, by Bro. Hall, of No. 46.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that Past Grand Edgar Johnson has presented proper credentials as the Representative of No. 414, to fill vacancy.

W. H. HALL,
SAMUEL E. ERICKSON,
ISAAC GOLDEN.

Document No. 50.

Seventh report, by Bro. Isaac Golden, of No. 822.

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that That Bro. John H. Henn has presented proper credentials as the Representative of No. 150, to fill vacancy.

ISAAC GOLDEN,
W. H. HALL,
SAMUEL E. ERICKSON.

Rep. Lytle, of No. 186, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See ninth report of that committee.

Document No. 51.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

SIRS AND BROTHERS: Much ill-feeling is often allowed to creep into many of our Subordinate Lodges, especially those having a large membership, which is due, to a very large extent, to the manner of the selection and election of the officers of the Lodge under the present law which governs the same, and often shows a tendency towards political methods of electioneering, which is contrary to and not in accord with the true spirit of Odd Fellowship; and that the cause may be removed, so far as possible, be it

Resolved, That Article V of the Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges be amended as follows:

First—Strike out all of Section 3 of Article V.

Second—Section 4 shall be known as Section 3, Article V.

Third—Strike out all of Section 5 of Article V, and substitute the following, to be known as Section 4, Article V, and shall read as follows: "Section 4. The election of officers shall be by ballot. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to an election."

Fourth—Section 6 of Article V shall be known as Section 5, Article V.

Fifth—Article V thus amended shall read as follows:

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS, ETC.

Section 1. No brother shall be eligible to the chair of Noble Grand unless he has served a regular term as Vice Grand, nor shall any brother be eligible as Vice Grand unless he has served one term in some inferior office. But if all qualified members refuse to accept the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand, a Third Degree member may, under dispensation, be elected to either of said offices without further service.

Section 2. All elective and appointive officers must have the Scarlet Degree before they are installed.

Section 3. The elective officers, except the Treasurer and Financial Secretary, shall be chosen at the first regular meetings in March and September, and shall hold their respective offices for six months and until their successors shall have been installed. They shall be installed at the first regular meetings in April and October. The Treasurer and the Financial Secretary (if there be one) shall be elected in March and shall be installed at the first meeting in April, and both shall serve for one year. If a public installation of officers be had, it may be at any time other than that specified above, but not prior to the first meetings in April and October.

Section 4. The election of officers shall be by ballot. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to an election.

Section 5. If any officer shall be absent for three successive meetings, except for sickness, his office may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, if he is an elective officer, but by the officer who appointed him, if he be an appointed officer. All vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the former selection, to serve the residue of the term, and the officer so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the office.

Rep. Maxfield, of No. 96, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See tenth report of that committee.

Document No. 52.

WHEREAS, There is at times trouble and delay in procuring evidence in Lodge trials, and at all times it is only through courtesy of individuals who are not Odd Fellows, and believing that the same courtesy should be extended to them as asked of them, and that there should be no distinction made as to the form of obligation and mode of taking evidence; therefore,

Resolved, That Section (5) five of Article (7) seven of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution be amended by striking out the words "who may be members of the Order, and cause such witnesses who may not be members of the Order to be obligated by a proper officer authorized to administer oaths," so that that part of the section relating to taking evidence shall

read as follows: "Then the Noble Grand shall appoint a competent member of the Lodge as a commissioner, or a committee of one, to take the evidence, both for the Lodge and the accused, in deposition form, by writing down both the questions and answers in full; and the said commissioner to take evidence shall be first obligated by the Noble Grand to perform such duty, and he shall be authorized to obligate witnesses."

The following protest was presented, and was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See twentieth report of that committee:

Document No. 53.

GOOD SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 540, I. O. O. F.,
CHICAGO, November 3, 1897.

To the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: At a regular meeting of this Lodge, held Oct. 27, 1897, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we protest against the capitation tax being increased for the present."

GUY RIDENOUR,
Noble Grand.

W. F. JENKINS,
Secretary.

[SEAL]

Rep. Low. of No. 202, seconded by Rep. Paugh, of No. 211, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See seventh report of that committee.

Document No. 54.

The following resolution is respectfully submitted, as calculated to secure economy in the administration of the affairs of the Order in this State, that the great objects at which we aim may not fail through the discontent of the yeomanry of the Order at excessive taxation:

Resolved, That Section 1, Article VII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Sessions. The Grand Lodge shall meet biennially, on the third Tuesday in November. This meeting shall be styled the Regular Session. Special Sessions shall be held on the call of the Grand Master. When in regular or special session, fifty representative members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time until the business of the session shall have been disposed of. The Regular Session shall be held at the City of Springfield, except when

otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote, by the Grand Lodge convened in regular session. A Special Session shall be held at the time and place designated by the Grand Master in the call."

That wherever the term "Annual Session" occurs in this Constitution, shall be substituted the words "Regular Session."

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 55.

Eighth report, by Bro. Erickson, of No. 479.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named brothers have presented proper credentials as Past Grands, and are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:

Richard Brant, No. 696; A. H. Baine, No. 336; W. H. Stillhamer, No. 77; F. E. Bell, No. 260: John Dunlop, No. 179.

SAMUEL E. ERICKSON,
W. H. HALL,
ISAAC GOLDEN.

The Grand Master called Past Grand Master Conway to the chair.

Rep. Cohen, of No. 331, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. It appears not to have been reported on.

[Document No. 56.]

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Resolved, That Article X, Section 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by adding thereto: "Provided, that in cities and towns having ten (10) or more Lodges, the fee for initiation shall not be less than ten (10) dollars."

Resolved, That Article X, Section 3, be amended by adding thereto: "Provided, that in cities and towns having ten or more Lodges, the fee for each degree shall not be less than five (5) dollars."

The Committee on Railroads presented the following, by Bro. Ellwood, of No. 105, P.G.M.

Document No. 57.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Railroads would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Railroad Rates:

To the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned, your Railroad Committee, would respectfully report that they have obtained from the Western and General Passenger Associations, which associations control rates of Illinois lines, the following rates for the coming session of the Grand Lodge:

Open rate of fare and one-third for the round trip from all points in Illinois to Springfield and return. Tickets to be sold Nov. 15 to 18 inclusive, good going only on date of sale, good returning from Springfield to and including Nov. 20.

Your committee respectfully suggests to all who intend to avail themselves of this rate, that they ascertain, at least a week prior to date of sale of tickets, whether or not their local agent has received notification of this rate. If he has not been notified, insist that he telegraph at once to his passenger agent for instructions. If he has not received these instructions before you purchase your ticket, you will have to pay regular fare. By attending to this you will not only save yourself and the Railroad Committee great annoyance, but will avoid paying regular round-trip rates.

Your committee congratulates itself that it is enabled to report the same time limits and rates as proved so satisfactory at the last session, thereby avoiding the annoyance of the certificate plan.

All of which is submitted in F., L. and T., October 18, 1897.

FRANK J. HEINL, Chairman,
ALONZO ELLWOOD,
CHARLES D. BRAINARD,
Committee.

Rep. Cohen, of No. 331, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See twenty-ninth report of that committee.

Document No. 58.

Resolved, That each and every Lodge of the I. O. O. F. in the State of Illinois having deceased brothers buried in the cemeteries of their respective cities, towns and villages, shall, on some Sunday or other day of each year, the day and date to be selected by each Lodge, meet in their respective halls, and from there march to the cemetery, where exercises suitable to the occasion shall be held, and the graves of our deceased brothers be decorated with flowers.

Rep. Cooper, of No. 750, presented the following petition from his Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See twenty-sixth report of that committee.

Document No. 59.

DOWNER'S GROVE, Nov. 8th, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the Jurisdiction of Illinois:

We, the undersigned, Committee and also members of Downer's Grove Lodge No. 750, I. O. O. F., were duly appointed by the members of Downer's Grove Lodge No. 750, I. O. O. F., to draft the past and present condition of a brother, H. F. Johnson, which hereinafter will be fully explained in detail, to be presented to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows by the representative of our Lodge, Bro. A. J. Cooper, and herein do earnestly solicit aid from the Grand Lodge, or permission from that Grand Body to circulate among all the Subordinate Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction a relief call, for the relief of our worthy and afflicted brother, whose condition we feel confident, after having become known, will reach the conscience and touch the heart of every Odd Fellow in Illinois.

The following statement shows what our Lodge has done for Brother Johnson besides meeting the obligations to the other brothers of the Order, and the expenditures of running the Lodge.

Brother H. F. Johnson joined our Lodge in April, 1892. In July, 1892, laid up for two weeks with a sprained ankle; amount $6.00. In January and February, 1893, laid up with inflammation of the eyes five weeks; amount $15.00. In September, 1894, laid up with broken collar-bone for five weeks; amount $15.00. In January, February and October, 1895, laid up nine weeks with inflammatory rheumatism, $27.00. In March, 1896, laid up for two weeks with same complaint; amount $6.00. From June 10th, 1896, up to the present time drew benefits continuously at the full rate; amount $188.00. Sent to Presbyterian Hospital seven weeks in September and October, 1896, expenses being paid by individual subscriptions by the members of our Lodge, $60.00.

At another time, a fund of $57.00, raised by members of the Order and outside friends, was used to send the brother to a hospital at Burlington, his board being paid while he was there. Bro. Johnson has a wife and three children; the children, being young, are not able to render any assistance in supporting the family, and Mrs. Johnson, in caring for the children and Bro. Johnson, has her hands full. The doctors state that it is not probable that Bro. Johnson will ever be able to gain a livelihood for himself or family.

Total amount paid Bro. Johnson from the funds of this Lodge.	$257 00
From members and friends by subscription.....	117 00
Grand total.....	$374 00

We have at present two other sick members, one of whom is liable to be on the sick-list for some time to come. At present we have but $55.00 in the treasury, and outstanding sick-benefits to the amount of $30.00, besides $50.00 a brother gave us the use of until we are able to pay it back. We have laid several special assessments, and the brothers paid them cheerfully with the exception of a few, whose membership has been dropped. But as we have a number of members who are doing at present all they can, we feel that to continue the special-assessment plan would mean the loss of a number of members, whom we cannot afford to lose; so we feel that with a little assistance in the trials and struggles which are inseparable from human life, we will gain honor for the institution of Odd Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted.

F. R. Owens,
J. W. Nash,
J. D. Horton, N.G.,
[SEAL.] Committee.

Grand Master Rankin resumed the chair.

Rep. Lemmers, of No. 60, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See twenty-first report of that committee.

Document No. 60.

Whereas, Guardian Lodge, No. 60, of Woodstock, has for the past ten years and more cared for an aged and infirm brother, R. J. Osman, who is now in his 87th year, and who has for forty-three years been a member of this Order, such relief amounting to more than $100 per year for the past five years; and

Whereas, Said brother is without home or kinsmen, and Guardian Lodge has a membership of but fifty brothers, and is unable to properly care for said brother and prevent him from going to a pauper's grave; and

Whereas, The Grand Master recently, to wit, in October last, appointed Past Grand Master Barnum a special deputy to visit said Lodge and investigate said case, said Bro. Barnum performing such mission and reporting to the Grand Master recommending that said Lodge receive the assistance of this Grand Body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated from the special relief fund of this Grand Lodge the sum of $100 to assist said Lodge in caring for said brother during the coming winter.

The committee reported amount collected for the family of Bro. Bowen, deceased, $66.59.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented the following reports (their 13th, 14th and 15th), which, under suspension of the rule, were severally considered and adopted.

Document No. 61.

Thirteenth report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No. 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of New Lodges:

That we find the following Subordinate Lodges have been instituted during the past year, and, upon due investigation, that the law was complied with in all respects, and all are now in successful working order, and we recommend that charters be issued to them, as follows:

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.	Instituted.	Deputy.
872.	Miller	Payson	Adams	Feb. 5, 1897	Thos. Ferrier
873.	Lincoln Park	Chicago	Cook	Jan. 23, 1897	C. Ripley Tuttle
874.	Carrier Mills	Carrier Mills	Saline	Feb. 22, 1897	James W. Rose
875.	Van Buren	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 7, 1897	J. P. Ellacott
876.	Nathan	Alma	Marion	Mar. 30, 1897	O. S. Lee
877.	Mendon	Mendon	Adams	May 7, 1897	J. W. Fletcher
878.	White City	Chicago	Cook	May 1, 1897	C. Ripley Tuttle
879.	Sherwood	Keyesport	Clinton	June 28, 1897	R. K. Dewey
880.	Huntley	Huntley	McHenry	Aug. 16, 1897	Geo. E. Waterman
881.	New Berlin	New Berlin	Sangamon	Oct. 22, 1897	C. R. Coon

We also recommend that charters be granted to the following Rebekah Lodges, instituted during the same time, and would cheerfully recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved:

NEW REBEKAH LODGES.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.	Instituted.	Deputy.
14.	Melrose	Greenville	Bond	Feb. 16, 1897	Mrs. May D. Stone
92.	Petersburg	Petersburg	Menard	Dec. 28, 1896	Eva R. Withey
456.	Marjorie	Seaton	Mercer	Jan. 7, 1897	Kate A. Noble
465.	Mistletoe	Batavia	Kane	Nov. 30, 1896	Nellie L. Harris
466.	Ornate	Elkville	Jackson	Dec. 17, 1896	J. A Pool
467.	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	" 7, 1896	Nannie L. Williams
470.	Queen of the West	Chicago	Cook	Nov. 21, 1896	Nellie L. Harris
472.	Mill Shoals	Mill Shoals	White	Jan. 7, 1897	Rebekah Naney
473.	Roxana	Herscher	Kankakee	" 20, 1897	Louisa Oertlin
474.	Princess	Holl'wayville	Bureau	" 29, 1897	Susan Elam
475	Alton	Alton	Madison	" 20, 1897	Eva R. Withey
476	Nile	Victoria	Knox	Feb. 12, 1897	S. W. Grubb
477.	Juanita	Granite City	Madison	" 9, 1897	Mrs. May D. Stone
479.	Clifton	Kausas	Edgar	" 19, 1897	Lizzie K. Barnett
480	Patoka	Patoka	Marion	" 19, 1897	Flora Foster
481.	Sunshine	Ravenswood	Cook	" 25, 1897	Nellie L. Harris
482.	Colvin	Cisne	Wayne	" 25 1897	Rebekah Naney

No	Name.	Location.	County.	Instituted.	Deputy.
483.	Shannon	Shannon	Carroll	Mar. 9, 1897	Joseph Haller
484.	Blue Mound	Blue Mound	Macon	" 9, 1897	Mrs. L. W. Fribourg
485.	Wisdom	Niantic	Macon	" 31, 1897	Mrs. Alice Fribourg
486.	Palestine	Palestine	Crawford	" 26, 1897	Mrs. Mollie Maxedon
487.	Baylis	Baylis	Pike	" 11, 1897	George R. Haines
488.	Tirzah	Aurora	Kane	" 26, 1897	Mrs. May D. Stone
489.	Hiawatha	Cooksville	McLean	April 7, 1897	Mrs. Lizzie Gilmore
490.	White Lily	Rinard	Wayne	" 19, 1897	Lola L. Rickard
491.	Rising Sun	Smithboro	Bond	" 23, 1897	Mrs. May D Stone
492.	North Star	Capron	Boone	" 24, 1897	Mrs. H. Weston
493.	Dew Drop	Spring Valley	Bureau	" 21, 1897	Susan Elam
494.	Trilby	Grant Park	Kankakee	" 14, 1897	Nellie L. Harris
495.	Mary B. Stevens	Robinson	Crawford	May 20, 1897	Mollie D. Maxedon
496.	Orient	Palmer	Christian	April 20, 1897	Priscilla V. Black
497.	Halcyon	Beverly	Adams	June 4, 1897	Mrs. Etta Lake
498.	Triple Tie	Bureau	Bureau	May 27, 1897	Mrs. Belle Wood
499.	Golden Star	Ridge Farm	Vermilion	June 4, 1897	Lizzie K. Barnett
500.	Martha	Johnsonville	Wayne	" 3, 1897	Rebekah Naney
501.	Tamaroa	Tamaroa	Perry	" 16, 1897	R. W. S. Wheatley
502.	Hasletine	LaSalle	LaSalle	" 14, 1897	Theo. Weberling
503	Hesperides	Chrisman	Edgar	" 30, 1897	Mrs. W. O. Roach
504.	Edgiva	West Point	Hancock	July 9, 1897	Miss Jennie Lyon
505.	Violet	Riverton	Sangamon	Aug. 28, 1897	Mrs. Eva R. Withey
506	Pontoosuc	Pontoosuc	Hancock	Oct. 11, 1897	Ginevra Bush
507.	Jessamine	Bowen	Hancock	Nov. 15, 1897	Miss Jennie Lyon
508.	Greenfield	Greenfield	Greene	Nov. 23, 1897	David Culbertson

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
Isaac N. Roland,
Committee.

Document No. 62.

Fourteenth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Lodges Delinquent.

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Finance Committee in relation to Lodges Delinquent on April 30, 1897, beg leave to report that the following Lodges have not yet sent in their reports, nor paid their capitation tax, viz.: Nos. 167, 453, 494, 498, 519, 788, 797, 818; and while we are unanimously of the opinion that the law applying to such cases should be enforced, we have taken a liberal view in relation to many other Lodges that have been reported delinquent but have since paid, but would recommend that the law be strictly enforced against those Lodges which have not yet paid, and recommend that no mileage or per diem be paid Representatives from the aforesaid Lodges, and would suggest that all Deputies of Lodges, in future, be notified by the Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, that the capita-

tion tax must be paid inside of thirty (30) days allowed by the law, and that the Deputies will be held responsible for any failure of duty on their part.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
Isaac N. Roland,
A. M. Houser,
Committee.

Document No. 63.

Fifteenth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Delinquent Lodges:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Finance Committee in relation to Lodges Delinquent on Oct. 31st, 1897, beg leave to report that the following Lodges have not yet sent in their capitation tax: Nos. 167, 494, 498, 519, 578, 655, 681, 723, 762, 788, 797; and while we are unanimously of the opinion that the law applying to such cases should be strictly enforced, we have taken a liberal view in relation to many other Lodges that have been reported delinquent but have since paid; but would recommend that the law be strictly enforced against those Lodges which have not yet paid, and recommend that no mileage or per diem be paid Representatives from the aforesaid Lodges, and would suggest that all Deputies of Lodges, in future, be notified by the Grand Master or Grand Secretary that the capitation tax must be paid inside of the thirty (30) days allowed by the law, and that the Deputies will be held responsible for any failure of duty on their part.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
Isaac N. Roland,
A. M. Houser,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance asked leave to withdraw their sixteenth report (Doc. 26), which was granted. See twenty-ninth and thirty-fourth reports of that committee.

The Committee on Rebekah Degree presented the following report, which, under suspension of the rule, was considered and adopted.

Document No. 64.

First report, by Bro. Henry A. Stone, of No. 562.

Your Committee on Rebekah Degree would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of resolution purporting to be presented by John Ericsson Lodge, No. 361, in regard to instructing the Grand Representatives to diligently work for the repeal of the third clause of Section 1, Article III, of the Constitution governing the Rebekah Degree, and so to amend said constitution that all Odd Fellows in good standing, and their wives, mothers and daughters only, shall be eligible to membership in the Rebekah Branch of the Order, beg to report that while this resolution purports to come from said Lodge, it is not attested by the seal of said Lodge, signed by its officers, or by any person.

We therefore ask to be relieved from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY A. STONE,
S. W. GRUBB.

Bro. Willis Melville, of No. 693, G. Cond., seconded by Bro. F. B. Merrills, Rep. of No. 650, presented the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on Old Folks' Home. See proceedings of this afternoon.

Document No. 65.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge, at its session in November, 1896, in accordance with a resolution of this Grand Body, November, 1895, provided, by proper limitations and restrictions, for the establishment of a Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah of Illinois, with express directions as to the character of the lands to be selected, and the uses to which the same should be suited; the kind of buildings to be erected thereon for said Home, and limiting the cost thereof to such sum of money as should be equivalent to twenty cents per member, and the maintenance of said Home to not exceed ten cents per member per annum, and that in aid of said benevolent purpose the Grand Lodge at its last session appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) for the erection of cottages as in said resolution provided; and that in pursuance of said action of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, being empowered so to do, appointed a Board of Trustees for said "Old Folks' Home" consisting of five members, to carry into effect the charitable purposes of said resolution, and of the Grand Lodge in this behalf; and

WHEREAS, As appears by the majority and minority reports of the said Board of Trustees now on file with the Grand Secretary, there

are conflicting opinions as to the course pursued, and the action of the majority of said Board of Trustees in the selection of the site by them chosen, and the contract, if such it be, by said majority of the trustees entered into with certain of the citizens of Mattoon, and the proposed erection of a costly mansion instead of cottages, as authorized by the Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, A serious financial question confronts this Grand Body, the proper solution of which demands our most earnest and candid consideration; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all legislation looking toward the establishment of an Old Folks' Home, heretofore enacted by this Grand Lodge, be hereby rescinded; that the Board of Trustees of the Old Folks' Home be discharged, and their acts as such Trustees be not approved.

Resolved, further, That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Special Committee of three members to confer with the citizens of Mattoon and make a settlement with them of the business transactions between said citizens and said Board of Trustees, by giving said citizens the option of accepting a deed for the real estate by them donated as a site for said Home, or of accepting the purchase price therefor, and by further paying to the said citizens the moneys expended by them since the location of said Home by the said Trustees.

Resolved, further, That the amount to be so paid be determined by the regular Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge, upon their auditing the bills presented by the said citizens of Mattoon to said Special Committee, and when said amount is ascertained, a voucher shall be drawn therefor.

It was announced that Bro. J. W. Fletcher, Rep. of No. 127, had received a telegram from his home in relation to his father, who was dying, and Bro. Fletcher requested to be excused from further attendance.

On motion, Bro. Fletcher was excused, and was allowed mileage and per diem.

The Grand Marshal announced that Sister Harris and Sister Morrison, Past Presidents of the Rebekah State Assembly, were at the door, and requested suspension of business, and permission to present the report of the Advisory Board of Old Folks' Home to the Rebekah Assembly, and the resolution of the Assembly.

On motion, the request was granted, and the Grand Master introduced Sisters Morrison and Harris, who addressed the Grand Lodge, after which said report and resolution were read, as follows.

Document No. 66a.

CHICAGO, ILL., NOV. 15, 1897.

To the Officers and Members State Assembly:

While we feel that there is but little that we can say in a report as the Advisory Board of the Old People's Odd Fellows' Home, yet we feel that we ought to acknowledge to the Assembly the honor that has been extended to us by being designated to fill so important a position in connection with the creation and maintenance of an institution as inspiring and commendable as this one. Your committee is not unmindful of the further fact that its usefulness is greatly abridged by the knowledge that whatever we do is only in the nature of advice, which our brothers may or may not be governed by, as suits their pleasure; but of this we are not offering any complaint, for our treatment by the Board of Trustees has been of the most cordial sort, and every privilege has been extended to the Advisory Board that it was possible, under the rules, for the brothers to grant to us. The question at this time is not who shall vote, but shall we have the Home for which we have worked so earnestly in the past, and for which we are ready to work until the goal we long to reach has been attained. The first thing to be done, after the recess of this body, was to organize the Board for the purpose of more fully putting into execution the objects for which it was appointed; and, as a result, Sister Harris, of the Advisory Board, was chosen Treasurer, for the purpose of holding such moneys as might be donated by the sisters in their individual capacity, or by the Rebekah Lodges; and we are glad to say, at this time, that the Treasurer has had some work to do, in taking care of the fund that has been raised by the sisters of the Order, having collected several hundred dollars, which is being held to the credit of the fund for the Old Folks' Home. Of the details of the work of the Board during its existence we feel that you have no particular interest, so far as a report upon the same by us is concerned, for this is fully set forth in the report of the Board of Trustees, who have given the full particulars of all that was done. As to the position taken by the Advisory Board, we wish to say that the report of the majority of the Board of Trustees has the unanimous indorsement of the members of the Advisory Committee, and we do now recommend that the Assembly take such steps as, in its judgment, may seem best to further the work, along the line mapped out by the majority of the Trustees. We are regretful that we have to report that a delay has been occasioned, and, while we deplore it, we are confident that in the end it will prove to have been for the best. Our reason for this belief is actuated by a desire to have all the differences of opinion settled, and that amicably, too, and that it should be done before circumstances may have arisen that would obviate the possibility of retracing steps that may have been injudiciously, or otherwise, made. We are very jealous of the time that is being lost, and feel that we can illy afford

it; yet, at the same time, a question as momentous as that of the Old Folks' Home will not lose any of its importance, or its success be materially retarded, until, as in the present case, the exigencies that may have arisen, or misconceptions that may have appeared, shall have been fully and satisfactorily settled. The Advisory Board is inspired with too infinite a faith in the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of this State, to have its hopes dimmed by a stay of the work now before us, for it is realized that the need of an Old Folks' Home has long been apparent; it is recognized by the Order at large that the building and maintaining of such an institution has been outlined by the great unseen force that directs our destinies, that this necessity has crept upon us by slow gradations, just as time brings new changes in all things, and that it is right and proper that it should be built; and being right, we feel that it will be built, for the great sea of public sentiment that caused the work to be started cannot be stilled until that work has been completed. Respectfully submitted.

NELLIE L. HARRIS,
JENNIE S. TICKNOR,
EMMA M. HAYDEN,
CATHERINA HOEFER.

Document No. 66b.

SENATE CHAMBER,
SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 17, 1897.

The following resolution has been unanimously adopted and referred for your approval:

Resolved, That this Rebekah Assembly hereby declares itself as unalterably in favor of the establishment and maintenance of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, and pledges to it the same unfaltering fidelity which it has always given to the Orphans' Home.

(Signed) LIZZIE L. MORRISON,
Supt. I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home.
MARIA A. SPALDING,
SOPHIA NIEMEYER,
ESTHER WOODS,
KATE TROXELL,
Members of Advisory Board.
LOLA L. RICKARD,
Secretary.

The Sisters then retired, and the Grand Lodge resumed its business.

On motion of Rep. Gardner, of No. 665, the papers received from the Rebekah Assembly were referred to the Special Committee on Old Folks' Home.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Special Order set for this hour—Nomination of Officers for the ensuing term.

FOR GRAND MASTER.

Bro. Mansfield, of No. 589, P.G.M., nominated Cicero J. Lindly, of No. 3.

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Rep. Merrills, of No. 650, nominated M. P. Berry, of No. 412.

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Carlin, of No. 53, G.R., nominated F. W. Latimer, of No. 184.
Bro. Houser, of No. 613, nominated Louis Kistler, of No. 506.
Rep. Low, of No. 202, nominated B. F. Gray, of No. 476.
Rep. Doidge, of No. 113, nominated Willis Melville, of No. 693.
Bro. Golden, of No. 822, nominated W. H. Hall, of No. 46.
Rep. Shannon, of No. 10, nominated Thomas J. Gregory, of No. 10.
Rep. Taylor, of No. 118, nominated L. L. McKinley, of No. 41.
Bro. Melville, of No. 693, nominated J. R. Kewley, of No. 450.
Rep. Frank, of No. 722, nominated R. G. Stripp, of No. 432.
Rep. Boaz, of No. 863, nominated L. J. Galbraith, of No. 863.
Rep. Delap, of No. 568, nominated W. P. Mann, of No. 568.
Rep. Barr, of No. 469, nominated C. C. Cross, of No. 316.
Rep. Boger, of No. 696, nominated W. R. Humphrey, of No. 240.
Bro. Miller, of No. 69, nominated W. R. Jewell, of No. 69.
Rep. Calhoun, of No. 408, nominated P. B. Keeler, of No. 128.
Rep. Gardner, of No. 665, nominated H. T. Pemberton, No. 24.
Rep. Kenyon, of No. 47, nominated C. A. Lemmers, of No. 60.

Bros. Melville, Gregory, Humphrey and Jewell declined the nomination.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

Bro. Golden, of No. 822, nominated James R. Miller, of No. 426.

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. Comings, of No. 67, nominated Thomas B. Needles, of No. 37.

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Bro. Lindly, of No. 3, nominated E. S. Conway, of No. 217.

A motion to make the Election of Officers a special order for two o'clock this afternoon was amended "that we now proceed with the election"; and it was so ordered.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. James Maitland, of No. 105, Assistant Grand Guardian for Committee-rooms.

FOR GRAND MASTER.

There being but one candidate in nomination,

On motion of Bro. Stone, of No. 562, P.G.M., the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast the entire vote of the Grand Lodge for Cicero J. Lindly, of No. 3, D.G.M.; which having been done, Bro. Lindly was declared duly elected Grand Master for the ensuing term.

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

There being but one candidate in nomination,

On motion of Bro. Gregory, of No. 10, the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast the entire vote of the Grand Lodge for M. P. Berry, of No. 412, G. W.; which having been done, Bro. Berry was declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing term.

The Grand Master appointed the following-named brothers as

Tellers—H. P. Caldwell, of No. 488; B. A. Griffith, of No. 203; W. J. Clucas, of No. 119; Albert Bone, of No. 3; A. M. Jones, of No. 253; R. H. Muir, of No. 800.

A ballot was had

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

While the Tellers were counting the votes, the Grand Lodge resumed the regular order of business.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments to fill vacancies on Standing Committees:

On the State of the Order—J. P. Ellacott of No. 416.
On Legislation—Thomas J. Gregory, of No. 10.
On Rebekah Degree—Tom Wood, of No. 801.
On Mileage and Per Diem—L. W. Fribourg, of No. 65.
On Printing—George F. Cecil, of No. 450.

The following was presented, and was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See seventh report of that committee.

Document No. 67.

The following resolution is respectfully submitted, as calculated to secure economy in the administration of the affairs of the Order in the State, that the great objects at which we aim may not fail through the discontent of the yeomanry of the Order at excessive taxation:

Resolved, That Section 1, Article VII, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Sessions. The Grand Lodge shall meet biennially, on the third Tuesday in November. This meeting shall be styled the regular session. Special sessions shall be held on the call of the Grand Master. When in regular or special session, fifty representative members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time until the business of the session shall have been disposed of. The regular sessions shall be held at the City of Springfield, except when otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge convened in regular session. A special session shall be held at the time and place designated by the Grand Master in the call.

That wherever the term "annual session" occurs in this Constitution shall be substituted the words "regular session."

John Lorentz, No. 22.	Capt. M. E. Jones.
Frank Fucik, No. 630.	Aug. Blettner, No 531.
F. William Baeslau, No. 467.	Charles Novak, No. 231.
I. R. Gardner, No. 665.	John Kleinschmidt, No. 58.
Charles Seeberg, No. 782.	W. G. Holmes, No. 42.
J. A. Ellis, No. 868.	C. R. Hunt, No. 299.

The following petition was presented, and was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See twenty-fifth report of that committee.

Document No. 68.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned would respectfully ask the Grand Lodge for permission to circulate a petition to the Subordinate Lodges of Illinois to pay off a mortgage on the homestead of Sister Elizabeth Walters, widow of the late Bro. Simal Walters, who was at the time of his death a member in good standing. The amount due is $275. She has four

children to support, and, unless aid comes from some charitable source, they, with herself, will be homeless. Our Lodge has furnished her in flour and feed for the last two years, and we are unable to do more, as our Lodge has had so much sickness and other expenses during the last year that our treasury is almost exhausted.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

G. M. HAMILTON, Rep. of No. 148.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 16, 1897.

The following bill was presented, and was referred to the Committee on Finance. See nineteenth report of that committee.

Document No. 69.

November 17, 1897.

The Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Illinois,
To Peabody Lodge No. 613, I. O. O. F., Dr.

To reimbursement of moneys paid Brother C. B. Samson, Attorney at Law, for services rendered as per resolution of the Grand Lodge, Document No. 27, Report 13, page 230, of the Grand Lodge Journal, and recommendation of the Grand Master as reported on page 16 of the Grand Lodge Journal of 1896, in the case of Peabody Lodge No. 613 vs. Samuel Felsenthal, which action was approved by this Body, $156.00.

The above employment was in accordance with the instruction of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, and the Lodge is entitled to reimbursement to such extent as this Grand Lodge may determine upon.

C. F. MANSFIELD, P.G.M.

Rep. Cohen, of No. 331, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See sixth report of that committee.

Document No. 70.

WHEREAS, The expenses of annual meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are burdensome and extravagant; it is

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby instructed to work and vote for biennial sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Rep. Cohen, of No. 331, submitted the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on Old Folks' Home. See report of that committee.

Document No. 71.

WHEREAS, At the regular session of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois, held in the City of Springfield in November, 1895, a resolution was adopted to establish and maintain a Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and also Daughters of Rebekah; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge at the regular session in Springfield in 1896 appropriated the sum of $10,000 for above purposes, at the same time specifying that the Home shall be on the cottage plan; and

WHEREAS, A committee was appointed to select a suitable site and carry into effect the wishes of the Grand Lodge and the members of the Order of this state; and

WHEREAS, Said committee, for reasons best known to themselves, has entered into an agreement with the City of Mattoon, and decided to locate said Home there for certain considerations, utterly disregarding much larger pecuniary offers from equally as suitable locations; and

WHEREAS, Said committee have advertised for bids, and intend to build the Home on a so-called hospital or penitentiary plan, instead of cottages, as originally instructed; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is the place where the "Home" had its inception, where the Odd Fellows raised the first "thousand dollars" as the nucleus for the establishment of a Home; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's rights to be represented on said Committee have been ignored, and the claims of the part of our State north of Springfield entirely disregarded, although it must be conceded that it is the healthiest portion of Illinois; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Odd Fellows of Cook County herewith enter a vigorous protest against the action of said committee for their willful perversion of the wishes and instructions of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the actions of said Trustees be set aside, and that new Trustees be appointed who will carry out the wishes of the majority of the members of the Order in this State, and who will act, not as masters, but as servants, of your Honorable Grand Body.

Rep. Allaben, of No. 197, on behalf of his Lodge, presented the following petition, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See twenty-eighth report of that committee.

Document No. 72.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

The members of Polo Lodge, No. 197, respectfully represent that Brookville Lodge No. 530, was suspended and its charter revoked on account of inability of the Lodge to continue further, about one year

ago. At that time, Brother Isaac Coble was a member of said Brookville Lodge, in good standing, and for years had been such. That on account of disabilities he then was, and for more than a year previous thereto had been, entitled to benefits. He is still under the same disabilities, very old, and would be entitled to benefits were he a member of any Lodge. Brother Coble is very poor and in needy circumstances. About the sum of $84.00 was delivered to the Grand Secretary as the funds of said Brookville Lodge.

Polo Lodge, No. 197, vouches for the worthiness of reputation and character of Brother Coble, and has already contributed somewhat to his relief.

We therefore respectfully ask this Grand Lodge to aid this worthy and needy brother, out of the funds received from his defunct Lodge, and suggest that this matter be referred to the Grand Master for investigation by him, and action in his discretion.

Rep. Fenton, of No. 515, offered the following, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Document No. 73.

WHEREAS, There is a prevailing opinion in this Grand Body that our expenses must be kept down, and in view of the fact that we have an Orphans' Home and an Old Folks' Home to maintain, and that if our capitation be increased very much a good many Lodges may drop out; and

WHEREAS, None of the Representatives to this Grand Lodge lose anything financially, but, on the other hand, are some ahead at the end of the session; be it

Resolved, That one dollar per day out of the three dollars per day of each Representative be set aside and put into the "Old Folks' Home" Fund, thereby making the per diem of Representatives two instead of three dollars.

Rep. Ludwig, of No. 407, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See twenty-second report of that committee.

Document No. 74.

WHEREAS, Bro. Christian Schuettner, of Uhland Lodge No. 305, received a sunstroke some fourteen years ago, while at work, of which he has not been able to be cured, and as the brother has been unable to do any work since that time, and has been a burden to his Lodge for so many years, his wife, also, being an invalid; and

WHEREAS, The said Uhland Lodge can only pay $1 a week, which is not enough to sustain them in life; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge donate $100 to said Bro. Schuettner for his support.

Rep. Brail, of No. 698, submitted the following. A motion by Bro. Golden, of No. 613, to table was lost, and the paper was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See thirty-first report of that committee.

Document No. 75.

To the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge, at Springfield, November, 1897:

BROTHERS: It having come to the knowledge of the undersigned that the practice of violating the law, in the Lodges of the City of Chicago, in that men are made members of the Order at less than the minimum rate, and that action is not only a violation of the law, but is detrimental to the best interests of the Order; and that such violation has been openly acknowledged in the Lodge of which the undersigned is a legal representative; he hopes some action by your honorable body will be taken to punish such violation, and stop the same in the jurisdiction of Cook County.

The undersigned is willing to attest to the truthfulness of this assertion. OTTO BRAIL.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 76.

Ninth report, by Bro. Hall, of No. 46.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that Bro. Samuel White, of No. 702, has presented proper credentials as Past Grand, and is entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree.

W. H. HALL,
SAMUEL E. ERICKSON.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which, under suspension of the rule, was considered and adopted.

Document No. 77.

Eighth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Railroad Committee expenses:

For bill of C. D. Brainard	$9 75
For bill of Alonzo Ellwood	5 00
For bill of F. J. Heinl	17 30

Original bills hereto attached, would respectfully recommend their payment—each of these bills bearing the written O. K. of Grand Master George C. Rankin and of the Chairman of the Railroad Committee.

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
D. J. HARRISON,
W. V. WEISE.

On motion, it was ordered that no more calls be made from the door, but that all calls be sent to the Grand Secretary's desk.

Unfinished Business lying upon the table was taken up for action.

The first report of the Committee on Finance (Doc. 11, page 267) was considered and adopted.

The third report of same committee (Doc. 13, 268) was considered and adopted.

The fourth report of same committee (Doc. 14, page 269) was considered and adopted.

The fifth report of same committee (Doc. 15, page 270) was considered and adopted.

The sixth report of same committee (Doc. 16, page 271) was considered and adopted.

The seventh report of same committee (Doc. 17, page 272) was considered and adopted.

The eighth report of same committee (Doc. 18, page 273) was considered and adopted.

The ninth report of same committee (Doc. 19, page 274) was considered and adopted.

The tenth report of same committee (Doc. 20, page 275) was considered and adopted.

The eleventh report of same committee (Doc. 21, page 276) was considered and adopted.

The twelfth report of same committee (Doc. 22, page 277) was considered and adopted.

The thirteenth report of same committee (Doc. 23, page 278) was considered and adopted.

The fourteenth report of same committee (Doc. 24, page 278) was considered and adopted.

The seventeenth report of same committee (Doc. 27, page 279) was considered and adopted.

The first report of the Committee on Printing (Doc. 28, page 280) was considered and adopted.

The second report of same committee (Doc. 29, page 281) was considered and adopted.

The fourth report of same committee (Doc. 31, page 282) was considered and adopted.

The fifth report of same committee (Doc. 32, page 283) was considered and adopted.

The first report of the Committee on State of the Order (Doc. 33, page 283) was considered and adopted.

The second report of same committee (Doc. 34, page 284) was considered and adopted.

The third report of same committee (Doc. 35, page 284) was considered and adopted.

The fourth report of same committee (Doc. 36, page 284) was considered and adopted.

The fifth report of same committee (Doc. 37, page 285) was considered and adopted.

The sixth report of same committee (Doc. 38, page 285) was considered and adopted.

The seventh report of same committee (Doc. 39, page 286) was considered and adopted.

The eighth report of same committee (Doc. 40, page 286) was considered and adopted.

The ninth report of same committee (Doc. 41, page 286) was considered and adopted.

The tenth report of same committee (Doc. 42, page 287) was considered and adopted.

The eleventh report of same committee (Doc. 43, page 288) was considered and adopted.

The twelfth report of same committee (Doc. 44, page 288) was considered and adopted.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 78.

Tenth report, by Bro. Erickson, of No. 479.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that Bro. V. Stollberg, of No. 535, has presented proper credentials as Past Grand, and is entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree.

SAMUEL E. ERICKSON,
WM. H. HALL,
ISAAC GOLDEN.

Bro. M. P. Berry, Deputy Grand Master-elect, was called for, and briefly addressed the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Rebekah Degree presented the following reports (their second, third and fourth), which were laid on the table, under the rule. All adopted this afternoon.

Document No. 79.

Second report, by Bro. S. W. Grubb, of No. 478.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the Rebekah Degree would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master, as found on page 12 of his report:

That we heartily concur with and indorse these sentiments, and recognize the great good done to this branch of our Order by the energy and zeal displayed by the officers of the Rebekah Assembly. This energy, we believe, has had a reflex influence for good on the Subordinate Lodges, and we think the Rebekah branch should be fostered and encouraged by this Grand Lodge and the brotherhood generally.

Respectfully submitted.

S. W. GRUBB,
H. A. STONE.

Document No. 80.

Third report, by Bro. S. W. Grubb, of No. 478.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the Rebekah Degree would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of New Lodges instituted during the year under dispensation, that we approve the action of the Grand Master, and recommend that charters be issued to such Lodges.

Respectfully submitted.

S. W. Grubb,
Henry A. Stone.

Document No. 81.

Fourth report, by Bro. S. W. Grubb, of No. 478.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the Rebekah Degree would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Rebekah Lodges Closed during the year, that while we much deplore the necessity of closing these Lodges, we recommend that the action of the Grand Master in doing so be approved. Respectfully submitted.

S. W. Grubb,
Henry A. Stone.

The Committee on Finance presented the following reports (their nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first), which were laid on the table, under the rule. All adopted this afternoon.

Document No. 82.

Nineteenth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Bill of Peabody Lodge No. 613:

Your Committee, after the indorsement of Past Grand Master Mansfield of the correctness of the bill, are satisfied that it should be paid, and recommend accordingly, as per bill herewith attached.

Fraternally yours,

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

See Doc. 69.

Document No. 83.

Twentieth report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of J. E. Woods, constructing ante-room, as per bill attached and approved by Grand Secretary Miller, for $14.95, would respectfully recommend the payment of the same.

Fraternally submitted.

D. J. Harrison,
Jacob Krohn,
W. V. Weise.

Document No. 84.

Twenty-first report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the bill of Barkley & Lax for furnishing use of chairs and hauling the same, $20.25. This bill is approved by the Grand Secretary, and we recommend the payment of the same.

Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison,
W. V. Weise.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented the following reports (their sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth), which were laid on the table, under the rule. All adopted this afternoon.

Document No. 85.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No. 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Condition of the Order:

That they have carefully examined the Grand Master's Report on page 5, and are pleased to note that the condition of our beloved Order is still satisfactory and flourishing in every respect; that, although there has not been a remarkable increase in the number of Lodges or in membership, the ties of brotherhood in this Grand Jurisdiction are becoming stronger and closer, and the great principles of the Order are being more clearly understood. We therefore con-

gratulate the Order that, notwithstanding the general depression during the last year, the situation is one of encouragement, and we feel sure that, with the improvement of the times, we will reach the position of the leading beneficial Order of our great jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. HOLT,
A. M. HOUSER,
ISAAC N. ROLAND,
J. L. BARNUM,
Committee.

Document No. 86.

Seventeenth report, by Bro. Isaac N. Roland, of No. 61.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Losses by Fire.

Relative to that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report found on page 167, Reports of the Grand Officers for 1897,* we find that York Lodge, No. 153; Delta Lodge, No. 772, and La Grange Lodge, No. 693, report total losses of lodge property, and no insurance to secure them for said loss; and that Carterville Lodge, No. 703, reports a loss of $2,000.00 on building and $800.00 on lodge property, with $1,300.00 insurance. We beg leave to report that, while we sympathize with the individual lodges which have sustained these losses, we also realize the fact that commensurate protection against loss by fire should be sought and obtained by all lodges, and would recommend that it be made an imperative duty of the several Lodge Deputies to see that the same is complied with. We further recommend that the Grand Secretary's reported action in furnishing duplicate charters be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC N. ROLAND,
J. L. BARNUM,
W. F. HOLT,
A. M. HOUSER.

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Document No. 87.

Eighteenth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Decisions of Grand Master embodied in his report to this Grand Body on page 16 of Journal of reports. *

In regard to the Southcomb case referred to the Grand Master, and specified on page 301 of the Journal of 1896, it appears that the Grand Master, having investigated the merits of said case through the instrumentality of Bro. Willis Melville as Speeial Deputy, and in whose report it appears that Bro. Southcomb had obtained membership in Star Lodge No. 75 upon the strength of a withdrawal card issued by the Grand Lodge, which was subsequently found to be illegal. The Grand Master having decided that in order to legalize the membership of Bro. Southcomb (who, it appears, was a member of Gardner Lodge No. 515) in Star Lodge, said Star Lodge was instructed to erase Bro. Southcomb's name, in order to enable Bro. Southcomb to apply for a withdrawal card from Gardner Lodge and rejoin Star Lodge upon a legal basis. It appears from the record of the proceedings of this case that all parties concerned were satisfied. Therefore, in view of the circumstances surrounding this case, we, your committee, would respectfully recommend that the action of the Grand Master be confirmed and approved.

In the case of Dwight Lodge No. 513, also referred to the Grand Master, wherein it appears that in a moment of enthusiasm a motion prevailed in said Lodge to donate to a baby christened by the Lodge the sum of $50, and invest it in building and loan stock for the benefit of said baby, and decided by the Grand Master as an illegal action, ordering said Lodge to sell said stock and return the money to the treasury of said Lodge, we, your Committee on State of the Order, being of the opinion that the Grand Master's action was in accordance to sound law in the premises, therefore recommend that his action and decision in the case be approved.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
Isaac N. Roland,
Committee.

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Document No. 88.

Nineteenth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Sovereign Grand Lodge:

We have read with a good deal of interest and pleasure the Report of the Entertainment Committee, as provided for at the last session of this Grand Lodge, and which report is embodied in the Officers' Reports, page 12,* and the additional account of the reception of the Grand Lodge, with the various entertainments in their honor, and beg leave to submit the following report:

That while on *general principles*, and in accordance with the law as promulgated by the Sovereign Grand Lodge on many occasions, we are of the opinion that the expenditure of such vast sums of money taken from our Grand Lodge treasury and other sources might be better used in carrying out the charitable work of our Order, we nevertheless realize that the honored body came here at the invitation of our Grand Lodge, and were therefore our guests, and were entitled to all the consideration and courtesies extended to them, and have nothing but the highest praise and commendation for the efficient work done by our Committee and all who were associated with them in carrying out the arduous duties devolving upon them, and to the citizens of Springfield, who have so liberally assisted in supplying the means; and we therefore recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Committee and all those who assisted them in their various positions.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
Isaac N. Roland,
A. M. Houser,
Committee.

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The Tellers, having completed their canvass, presented the following report.

Document No. 89.

First report of Tellers.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee of Tellers would respectfully report as follows, in the matter of First Ballot for Grand Warden:

Whole number of votes cast	937
Necessary to choice	469
of which	
Bro. McKinley received	291
Bro. Kewley received	263
Bro. Pemberton received	79
Bro. Kistler received	42
Bro. Gray received	30
Bro. Hall received	87
Bro. Stripp received	19
Bro. Mann received	6
Bro. Cross received	29
Bro. Keeler received	15
Bro. Lemmers received	11
Bro. Latimer received	54
Scattering	11

There being no election, a second ballot was ordered.

Bros. Stripp, Keeler, Lemmers, Kistler and Pemberton withdrew their names from the list of candidates.

On motion of Bro. Humphrey, G. R., the Grand Lodge took recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon, and was closed in due form.

E. H. Kinney

Grand Marshal.

Wednesday Afternoon, November 17.

2:00 O'CLOCK.

Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.

All Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

The Grand Marshal and assistants, having examined the members present, reported all correct.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Grand Lodge was then declared regularly opened for the transaction of business.

The special order—Election of Officers—was resumed.

A second ballot for Grand Warden was ordered, pending which,

Bros. C. C. Cross, B. F. Gray and W. P. Mann withdrew their names from the list of candidates.

The ballots having been collected, other business was taken up while the count was progressing.

Rep. Wm. Meyer, of No. 377, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session, on account of sickness in his family, and was allowed mileage and per diem.

It was reported that Bro. James H. Fram, Representative of No. 562, was sick at his hotel, and desired to be excused from further attendance. On motion, the request was granted, and he was allowed mileage and per diem.

Instruction in the Unwritten Work of the Order was given and the work thoroughly illustrated by Grand Representatives Conway and Humphrey.

Rep. Brown, of No. 657, seconded by Rep. Calhoun, of No. 408, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. See twenty-fifth report of that committee.

Document No. 90.

WHEREAS, The Old Folks' Home is going to be a heavy expense to the Order; be it

Resolved, That the $100 allowed the Grand Treasurer for clerk-hire, the $40 per month allowed the Grand Master for stenographer, 25 per cent of the Grand Master's salary, 25 per cent of the Grand Secretary's and his Assistant's salaries,—each of these amounts be taken and placed in a fund to aid in the building of an Old Folks' Home.

Rep. Jenkins, of No. 240, presented the following paper, which was referred to the Special Committee on Old Folks' Home.

Document No. 91.

The following report was unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of Cook County Lodge No. 240, I. O. O. F., held Wednesday evening, November 4, 1897.

Signed H. H. DEENIS, Noble Grand.
JOHN H. MEDILL, Sec'y.

CHICAGO, ILL., November 4, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of Cook County Lodge No. 240, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee appointed to carefully investigate the protest of Nonpareil Lodge No. 331, I. O. O. F., against the Trustees of the Illinois Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, submit herewith the report of its investigation:

The resolutions adopted by Nonpareil Lodge No. 331, and sent out to the Lodges of this county, contain the following points of protest:

1. Objection to the location of the Old Folks' Home at Mattoon, because (a) of it being an unhealthful portion of the state, and (b) also because the offer made by that city was not the best presented to the Board for consideration.

2. Objection to the erection of a large building instead of cottages.

3. Objection to the fact that Cook County is not represented on the Board, nor the northern part of the State having received no recognition whatever.

4. Objection to and severe criticism of the members of the Board of Trustees for acting arbitrarily in the matter pertaining to the proposed Old Folks' Home.

Your Committee desires to make the following statements and recommendations, after thorough and careful research:

1. (a) There is no foundation whatever for the statement that Mattoon is located in an unhealthy portion of the State. This point was never raised prior to the location of the Home. The truth is, that this locality in the State has as good average health as any other part of Illinois.

(b) The statement that the offer made by Mattoon was not the best is found to be unquestionably a mistake, and misleading. Mattoon has so far carried out its part of the contract, and the secured donations are now not less than $24,000. 136 acres of land has been deeded to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in fee simple, clear of all incumbrance, and there is no better land in the State than this. It is found also that the citizens of Mattoon, to the number of about 120, and whose aggregate wealth is scarcely less than $1,000,000, have given a bond for $25,000 to see that all remaining conditions of the contract, which was carefully drawn by Grand Warden M. P. Berry, of Carthage, Ill., and revised by Past Grand Masters Phillips and Mansfield, be carried out as agreed. Of the conditions yet to be complied with, attention is directed to the agreement by the City of Mattoon to furnish free of cost for fifty years all water used for fire purposes, that the street leading to the buildings of the Old Folks' Home shall be lighted with the same kind of arc lights as now used by said City of Mattoon for its streets, and also that the grounds of said Home be similarly lighted. All such lights to be furnished free of cost to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for a period of fifty years. It is further agreed in this contract that the forty acres of land and all property of said Home on which the buildings are located shall be free from taxation for a period of fifty years. The second best offer, in the opinion of a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees, was that of Monmouth, which offered $20,000 in cash. Monmouth is the home of Grand Master Geo. C. Rankin. The third best offer appears to be that of Alton, the home of Past Grand Patriarch Julius A. Raible.

2. The objection to a large building instead of cottages may or may not be well founded. There seems to be a lack of full instructions by the Grand Lodge in this particular. On pages 216 and 217 of the Grand Lodge Journal of 1896 is found the legislation creating the Board of Trustees of the Old Folks' Home. The Board is instructed to procure by purchase not to exceed 320 acres of land and not less than 100 acres, at a cost not to exceed $10,000. It is also instructed to erect "suitable and proper cottages," as the same are needed, to provide proper superintendence, to make such rules,

conditions and regulations for the admission and residence at such Home as may be deemed wise and proper by said Board. In fact, the Board is given full power. Of the $10,000 appropriated by the Grand Lodge to buy land not one dollar has been used. The members of the Board and the members of the Advisory Board have carefully and thoroughly investigated every offer made as a site, and also investigated the wisdom of the exclusive cottage plan. It is the opinion of four of the five members of the Board that a main building should be erected, and then afterward, if it be deemed practicable, to erect from time to time such cottages as may be needed. The City of Mattoon has given already not less than $24,000, and the other conditions of the contract, when carried out, will aggregate not less than $40,000, making a total of $64,000. With this magnanimous and liberal support of this enterprising city, it would appear that the Grand Lodge can well afford to erect a substantial building, and in the judgment of four of the five members of the Board this should be done.

3. In regard to Cook County's rights to be represented on the Board being ignored, attention is called to the fact that Grand Representative E. S. Conway was chairman of the first Old Folks' Home Committee, and is at present a member of the Orphans' Home Board, giving Cook County two members on this Board. In the opinion of your committee, Cook County has been properly recognized. In regard to Northern Illinois not receiving any recognition whatever, attention is called to the fact that the only city in this part of the State which made a bid is that of Monmouth, and it was the second choice of the Board of Trustees. From this it would appear that it received proper consideration, and Northern Illinois has no just grounds for protest.

4. Your committee recommends that the severe criticisms of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Old Folks' Home by Nonpareil Lodge be disapproved, and that, in the opinion of Cook County Lodge, No. 240, the said Board of Trustees has not acted arbitrarily, but, on the contrary, has protected the interests of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and instead of condemnation is entitled to the thanks of the entire membership of the State. It is further recommended that the representative of this Lodge to the Grand Lodge be and is hereby instructed to vote to indorse the work of the Old Folks' Home Board at the session of the Grand Lodge in November. Your committee also recommends that Cook County Lodge, No. 240, disapprove of the action of Nonpareil Lodge in sending out hasty resolutions of protest in the matter, as it tends to create discord and is a detriment to the interests of the Order.

The Tellers, having completed the canvass of votes, presented the following:

Document No. 92.

Second report of Tellers:

Whole number of votes cast	899
Necessary to choice	450
of which	
L. L. McKinley received	425
J. R. Kewley received	355
F. W. Latimer received	34
W. H. Hall received	85

There being no election, a third ballot for Grand Warden was ordered.

Bros. F. W. Latimer and W. H. Hall withdrew their names from the list of candidates.

While the Tellers were counting the ballots, the regular order was resumed.

Rep. F. H. Lowe, of No. 631, for satisfactory reasons assigned, was excused from further attendance, with allowance of mileage and per diem.

Rep. Moulic, of No. 827, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. See twenty-sixth report of that committee.

Document No. 93.

WHEREAS, Percy Lodge No. 827 has recently purchased a beautiful site of five acres of land, and has laid it off into a beautiful Odd Fellows' Cemetery, where its deceased members may be laid together when the hour of departure comes; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Grand Lodge that the action of said Percy Lodge be and the same is hereby commended, and it is hoped that other Lodges in the State will follow its example, until each Lodge will have its own cemetery, to be known as the Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, by Bro. N. D. Calkins, of No. 190, presented the following report, which, under suspension of the rule, was considered and adopted.

Document No. 94.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem would respectfully report as follows:

That we have computed the mileage and per diem of each Grand Officer and Representative of Lodge who were present and entitled to mileage and per diem, and have issued warrants on the Treasurer for the respective amounts due each.

N. D. Calkins,
Carl Lager,
H. W. Pemberton,
Edward Craig,
C. M. Turner,
D. N. Markillie,
J. E. Mitchell,
Chas. F. W. Eberhard,
E. H. Kinney,
L. W. Fribourg.

The detailed tabular statement accompanying the above report will be found in the Appendix to this Journal.

Communications relating to the condition and needs of Bro. Richard Bell, of No. 220, were presented, as follows.

Document No. 95.

Virden, Ill., October 25, 1897.

Dear Brother Miller:—I have this day received the inclosed letter from our Brother Bell. His case is indeed a sad one, and I trust that our brethren in the Grand Lodge will not let him and his family suffer for the necessaries of life. I thought a year ago, and I think now, that a voluntary collection taken up in the Grand Lodge would get him a goodly sum of money, and that, too, at once. I have no interest in Bro. Bell's case except that of humanity. In fact, I have never seen him but once, and then only for a few minutes. But I am fairly posted in his case, and I am convinced that he is a brother who is deserving of the Order's confidence and protection. You are familiar with his case and condition, and I trust you will find a moment's time during the coming Grand Lodge session to bring his case before the Grand Lodge. "Visit the sick and relieve the distressed" are the first and second commands of the founder of our Order; therefore they should be observed before other duties are performed.

I thank you for that valuable volume, Abraham Lincoln, which came to me recently.

Fraternally,
A. D. Sanders.

Denver, Colo., 10, 20, '97.

Bro. Sanders: I wrote you some time ago, and not hearing from you since, I thought possibly the letter might have got lost, but however, I shall endeavor to write you a few lines this evening in regard

to my health. I hardly know what to say or what to think; one thing certain, I do not have as many hemorrhages as I did in Illinois, but have not gained one pound in flesh. I am around most of the time, and I suppose, if the whole thing was summed up, I could truthfully say that there is some little improvement: any at all in my case would be all that I could expect. I am satisfied that I am better than I would have been had I staid in Girard. My wife is not at all well since she came here. The climate don't seem to agree with her. She had a slight touch of heart trouble before she came here, but nothing to what it is now. The least little exertion completely exhausts her. If she don't improve shortly, she may go back to Girard. Bro. Sanders, what do you think? is it possible to carry out your idea suggested just before the Grand Lodge met last year, that is a contribution from the Grand Lodge? I am sure I don't know what to think. If my wife was stout I would try and get along this time without any assistance, but the way things look now I must make a raise somewhere. My Lodge will not be able to do me any good. If I could get the loan of two or three hundred dollars I could make it all right. There are several chances where we could buy the furniture in a rooming-house, and they are good paying properties; then, we would be in a manner independent. You have to pay that much money before you can take charge; but when a fellow hasn't got it, those opportunities avail him nothing. Bro. Sanders, let me hear from you soon as to what you think of this matter. I wish I was able to see my way clear; it takes so much money for medicine in addition to our living that it is really discouraging.

Respectfully and Fraternally Yours,

RICHARD T. BELL,

Gen. Delivery, Denver, Colo.

DENVER, COL., NOV. 4, 1897.

James R. Miller, Springfield, Ill.:

DEAR BRO. MILLER:—I write you to-day in regard to our situation. I had a good position in a store; was to have taken it September 15th, and one of my little girls was taken sick with fever, and Mr. Bell had three hemorrhages in the meantime, and was very poorly, and Ruby was very sick, but I took care of her myself, as I could not afford a doctor, and she has been out of school six weeks, and I haven't been able to earn a dollar since the middle of September, and was nearly down sick myself for several weeks and we have actually suffered for the necessaries, and I had to borrow money for Mr. Bell's insurance last month, and I write for your help in some way, and wish you would have a collection taken in the Grand Lodge for our benefit. People here have told us that Mr. Bell will have to stay here a year before he will get very much better, and of course I am anxious to give it a fair trial. He doesn't bleed here like he did in Illinois, and I think that a great deal; but he coughs just the same, and

our family in the condition it is in, and has been for some time, it is impossible for me to earn anything, and I beg of you to assist us in this way. I would have written you sooner, but have been waiting to see if there wasn't a way out without asking for help, as you have been so extremely kind to us. Bro. Miller, lay our case before the Grand Master, and urge that a collection be taken.

Yours in F., L. & T.,

KATE RICE BELL,

Gen. Delivery, Denver, Col.

Bro. J. W. Jones, of No. 191, moved that the appeal for aid be received and considered, and a committee of five be appointed to take up a contribution from those present.

The motion prevailed, and the Grand Master appointed as the committee Bros. J. W. Jones, of No. 191; W. A. McBeth, of No. 485; F. W. Latimer, of No. 184; Chas. Maddox, of No. 445; and M. H. Goodrick, of No. 4.

It was moved that when we adjourn it be until 9 o'clock Thursday morning; and the motion prevailed.

The following communication was received and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, with instructions to investigate and report on the same at this session. See thirty-fourth report of that committee.

Document No. 96.

526 Ohio St., QUINCY, ILL., Nov. 15, 1897.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Illinois:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: In 1891 I sent you an appeal from the decision of Grand Master Wheatley refusing to order Quincy Lodge No. 12 to pay me sick-benefits, on which appeal I am satisfied your honorable body never took action, as I was informed that Bros. Wheatley, G.M., and Blaney, P.G., of No. 12, suppressed the appeal and did not allow it to come before you.

In 1892 I appealed from the action of said Lodge No. 12 in expelling me without cause. Said appeal has been before you every year since—unless withheld by the Grand Master last year, as I believe it was. All that I now pray for is that some definite action be taken and decision rendered by the Grand Lodge of 1897, showing that I was legally expelled and for cause, of which I defy said Lodge to bring proof, but prejudice and falsehood on the part of the Lodge can be proven. With all due respect, I remain,

Fraternally yours in F., L. and T.,

THOMAS TAYLOR,

Of No. 12 until expelled for cause.

The following communication was read and referred to the Special Committee on Old Folks' Home.

Document No. 97.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS: At a regular meeting of this Lodge, held November 11, 1897, it was resolved to inform you of our wishes not to erect the planned Old Folks' Home at Mattoon, as the same is reported not to be in harmony with the spirit of the resolution of the Grand Lodge; and that wherever the said Old Folks' Home is erected, the cottage plan be followed, and in a healthy location, as originally intended.

We also consider the expenditure of $150 per year for each orphan far in excess of the necessary amount, and we are under the belief that if the rate is applied to the Old Folks' Home accordingly, the capitation tax will reach, in a few years, such enormous proportions that the same will injure the Order in general.

Fraternally submitted.

A. P. HAUSCHILD, Lodge Deputy,
HERMAN TEMPLE, N. G.,
HENRY BECKER, Sec.

HALL of Koerner Lodge, No. 756,
1548 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago,
November 15, 1897.

Signed also by GEO. SCHUCHMAN, of Syria Lodge, 451,
WM. VONRIDDERN, of Monticello Lodge, 847,
W. R. COULTAS, 356.

The Tellers, having completed the canvass of votes, presented the following.

Document No. 98.

Third report of Tellers.

Whole number of votes cast	981
Necessary to choice	491
of which	
Bro. L. L. McKinley received	537
Bro. J. R. Kewley received	444

Bro. L. L. McKinley, of No. 41, having received a majority of the votes cast, the Grand Master declared him duly elected Grand Warden for the ensuing term.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

There being but one candidate in nomination,—

On motion of Bro. W. H. Hall, of No. 46, the Assistant Grand Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand

Lodge for Bro. James R. Miller, of No. 426; and the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Sikes, having so cast the vote of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master declared Bro. Miller duly elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing term.

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

There being but one candidate in nomination,—

On motion of Bro. W. J. Clucas, of No. 119, the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for Bro. Thomas B. Needles, of No. 37; which having been done, the Grand Master declared Bro. Thomas B. Needles duly elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

There being but one candidate in nomination,—

On motion of Bro. C. J. Lindly, D.G.M., the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for Bro. E. S. Conway, of No. 217; which having been done, the Grand Master declared Bro. Conway duly elected Grand Representative for the ensuing term of two years.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule. Adopted this afternoon.

Document No. 99.

Twenty-second report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of bill of Grand Treasurer Needles, for clerk-hire, keeping books, etc., for $100. We respectfully recommend payment of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

D. J. Harrison.
W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,

Document No. 100.

[This was a report from the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals in Case No. 186—George C. Rankin, G. M., vs. Kossuth Lodge No. 569 (see G. Master's Report, page 157). The

Grand Lodge, by vote, concurred in the findings of the committee. The report will be found in the Proceedings of the Committee, page 224.]

Bro. H. A. Stone, P.G.M., presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. See thirty-third report of that committee.

Document No. 101.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Nov. 16th, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

The following is an itemized statement of expenses paid by Henry A. Stone, P. G. M., as Trustee of the Old Folks' Home, in getting out minority report to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Oct. 13	Railroad fare to Danville and return	$ 80
	Hotel, trip to Danville	3 00
Oct. 14	Manuscript paper	35
Oct. 24	Railroad fare to Alton	2 55
	Railroad fare to Springfield	2 15
Oct. 25	Hotel, Springfield	1 00
	Railroad fare home from Springfield	2 29
Oct. 26	Stenographic work on report	5 00
Oct. 30	Railroad fare from Decatur to Springfield	1 16
	Hotel, Springfield	1 50
	Railroad fare home from Springfield	2 29
Nov. 1	Half-tone cut of Home, and express	2 65
	Telegrams	1 10
	Express	70
	Postage	1 21
	Printing 3,000 copies report	65 70
	Postage on above	34 52
		$127 97

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY A. STONE.

O. K., GEO. C. RANKIN, G. M.

The Committee on Finance presented the following reports (their twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth), which were laid on the table, under the rule. All adopted this afternoon.

Document No. 102.

Twenty-third report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Bond of Grand Secretary Jas. R. Miller for $30,000:

That the same be approved and be placed in the hands of the Grand Master for safe keeping.

Fraternally submitted.

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

Document No. 103.

Twenty-fourth report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Bond of Grand Treasurer Needles in the penal sum of $50,000:

That we approve the same, and that said bond be placed in charge of the Grand Master for safe keeping.

Fraternally submitted.

D. J. Harrison,
Jacob Krohn,
W. V. Weise.

Document No. 104.

Twenty-fifth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the Grand Treasurer's Clerk hire, Grand Master's stenographer, and 25 per cent of the salaries of both Grand Master and Grand Secretary being merged into the Old Folks' Home fund. We respectfully refer the above matter to the Grand Lodge, with our non-concurrence.

Fraternally submitted.

Jacob Kron.
W. V. Weise,
D. J. Harrison.

Document No. 105.

Twenty-sixth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Janitors, for services during the session of this Grand Lodge. We would recommend that $40.00 be paid to Capt. Beck, Chief Janitor, for distribution.

Fraternally.

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

Document No. 106.

Twenty-seventh report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Assistant Janitor Services. We hereby report bill in favor of Bro. Mathias Blumle for services rendered at the session of this Grand Lodge for $15.00, and recommend its payment.

Fraternally,

D. J. Harrison,
Jacob Krohn,
W. V. Weise,

Document No. 107.

Twenty-eighth report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of bill of H. F. Day:

That the attached bill of $30 be allowed for his services during this session of the Grand Lodge. Your committee, upon consulting the Grand Secretary, states that the Second Assistant Grand Secretary is, at this time, indispensable.

Fraternally submitted,

D. J. Harrison,
Jacob Krohn,
W. V. Weise,

The Grand Master called Deputy Grand Master Lindly to the chair.

On motion, the rule was suspended, that reports now lying upon the table might be taken up for consideration.

The second report of the Committee on Rebekah Degree (Doc. 79, page 316) was considered and adopted.

The third report of same committee (Doc. 80, page 317) was considered and adopted.

The fourth report of same committee (Doc. 81, page 317) was considered and adopted.

The nineteenth report of the Committee on Finance (Doc. 82, page 317) was considered and adopted.

The twentieth report of same committee (Doc. 83, page 318) was considered and adopted.

The Committee to collect contributions for Bro. Richard Bell (see Doc. 95, page 328) reported the amount collected $74.80.

The twenty-first report of the Committee on Finance (Doc. 84, page 318) was considered and adopted.

The sixteenth report of the Committee on the State of the Order, (Doc. No. 85, page 318) was considered and adopted.

The seventeenth report of the same committee (Doc. 86, page 319) was considered and adopted.

The eighteenth report of the same committee (Doc. 87, page 319) was considered and adopted.

Grand Master Rankin resumed the chair.

The nineteenth report of the Committee on the State of the Order (Doc. 88, page 320) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-second report of the Committee on Finance (Doc. 99, page 332) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-third report of same committee (Doc. 102, page 334) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-fourth report of same committee (Doc. 103, page 334) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-fifth report of same committee (Doc. 104, page 334) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-sixth report of same committee (Doc. 105, page 335) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-seventh report of same committee (Doc. 106, page 335) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-eighth report of same committee (Doc. 107, page 335) was considered and adopted.

Rep. J. A. Ellis. of Electric Lodge, No. 868, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See seventeenth report of that committee.

Document No. 108.

Resolutions forwarded to its Representative by Electric Lodge, No. 868:

WHEREAS, There is a widely-prevalent spirit of unrest among the yeomanry of the Order; and

WHEREAS, This Lodge has been urged by Sister Lodges to pass resolutions of censure upon some of the powers that be; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Lodge instruct its Representative to urge upon the Grand Lodge of Illinois the abolition of the Old Folks' Home Board, and of the Advisory Board of Rebekahs attached to the Old Folks' Home Board, and the addition of two Rebekahs to the Orphans' Home Board as now constituted, the new "Orphans' Home Board," of seven members, to have full charge of the Old Folks' Home, and the benevolent work of the Grand Lodge generally, as well as of the Orphans' Home, and to be known as the "Board of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F."

Resolved, That every movement towards securing economy in the administration of the affairs of the Order in this State will receive the earnest support of this Lodge, as tending to increase the benevolent and charitable efficiency of the Order in this State, without increasing the capitation tax now patiently borne by the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, upon whom alone the entire burden ultimately rests, and we believe will receive the sanction of the Order generally.

Resolved, That we believe any movement toward increasing the tax now borne by the members and Lodges of this State will provoke rebellion and seriously retard the growth and usefulness of the Order, and prove disastrous to the Order and those concerned in any such movement, in the end.

Respectfully submitted.

{ Seal of Lodge. }

D. J. MARCH, N. G.,
B. B. STEVENS, Sec'y.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following reports, which were laid on the table, under the rule.

Document No. 109.

First report, by Bro. F. W. Latimer, of No. 184.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows: That Section 10, Article VI, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, be amended by striking out, where it occurs in said section, the word "six," and substituting in place thereof the word "four," so that said section, when amended, shall read:

Section 10. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall report the number of miles necessarily traveled by the shortest traveled route, by each Grand Officer and Representative, the number of days' attendance of same, and the amount due to each. The committee shall make its estimate by allowing four cents mileage one way, and three dollars per diem.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the above amendment.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. Latimer,
T. J. Gregory,
D. R. Anderson,
H. C. Feltman,
F. Bross.

Laid over for one year, as required by law.

Document No. 110.

Second report, by Bro. F. W. Latimer, of No. 184.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to that part of the Grand Master's Report relating to the Daily Journal:

We recognize that we owe as a duty to the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction to economize in every particular. The cost of the Daily Journal is not excessive, but it is more than sufficient to maintain one of our orphan children; and thus prompted, we recommend that the future publication of the Daily Journal be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted.

D. R. Anderson,
F. W. Latimer,
H. C. Feltman,
T. J. Gregory,
F. Bross.

The report was considered Thursday evening, and not adopted.

John R. Davis

Grand Conductor.

Document No. 111.

Third report, by Bro. F. W. Latimer, of No. 184.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the proposed Amendment to Section 1, Article VIII, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, offered by Bro. Ellacott, being Document No. 45, Daily Journal:

Your committee believe that the present law governing the question of granting charters to new Lodges is working beneficially to the Order. We do not believe that the present order of procedure should be changed. We therefore recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. LATIMER,
HENRY C. FELTMAN.

Laid over for one year, as required by law.

Document No. 112.

Fourth report, by Bro. F. W. Latimer, of No. 184.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the proposed amendment* to Section 8, Article II, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, offered by Representative of 782, touching notice to be given on rejection of candidate:

Your committee are of the opinion that the present constitutional provision should not be changed, and we ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject-matter.

Respectfnlly submitted.

F. W. LATIMER,
D. R. ANDERSON,
F. BROSS,
T. J. GREGORY,
H. C. FELTMAN.

*Document 46, page 290.

Adopted Thursday evening.

Document No. 113.

Fifth report, by Bro. F. W. Latimer, of No. 184.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the two proposed amendments* to Section 10, Article VI, offered by Bro. J. P. O'Brien, of No. 230, and one other.

Your committee think that the present law governing the way that the mileage and per diem shall be paid has worked to the success of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction. In a previous report we have already provided for a material reduction in the total mileage account—a saving distributed with equality to all Lodges.

We therefore recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. LATIMER,
T. J. GREGORY,
F. BROSS.
D. R. ANDERSON,
HENRY C. FELTMAN,

*See Document No. 6, page 263.

Laid over for one year, as required by law.

Document No. 114.

Sixth report, by Bro. F. Bross.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Instructions to our Grand Representatives to use their influence in favor of Biennial Meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Your Committee to whom the resolution* of Representative Bro. Henry M. Cohen, of No. 331, has been referred, requesting our Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to work for Biennial Sessions of said Sovereign Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that we have duly considered the purport of said resolution, and recommend its adoption.

F. BROSS,
D. R. ANDERSON,
F. W. LATIMER,
T. J. GREGORY,
H. C. FELTMAN.

* Document No. 70, page 310.

Adopted Thursday evening.

Document No. 115.

Seventh report, by Bro. F. Bross.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Biennial Sessions of this Grand Body:

Your committee, to whom the several resolutions* in regard to amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws providing for biennial sessions have been referred, beg leave to report:

That, in the opinion of your committee, it is not practical nor for the good of the Order to change the meetings at the present time to a biennial meeting of this Grand Body, until the Sovereign Grand Lodge will change their meeting from that of annual meetings to biennial meetings, which will be done in future some day to save the great expense of such annual meetings, and therefore recommend that the resolutions on that subject be not adopted.

F. Bross,
F. W. Latimer,
H. C. Feltman,
T. J. Gregory,
D. R. Anderson.

* Documents 7 and 67, pages 264, 309.

Adopted Thursday evening.

Document No. 116.

Eighth report, by Bro. H. C. Feltman, P. G. R.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the printed Report of the Grand Representatives referred to us:

The report in question is a very interesting one, embracing a large number of important decisions of the Grand Sire, giving the condition and statistics of the entire Order, the final disposition of the proposed constitutional amendments, and various other matters.

We do not deem it necessary to make any recommendations or comments concerning the same, but urge that the membership generally make themselves familiar with all therein contained.

H. C. Feltman,
T. J. Gregory,
F. W. Latimer,
D. R. Anderson,
F. Bross.

Adopted Thursday evening.

Document No. 117.

Ninth report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the proposed amendment* of Article V of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges:

Your committee believe that no harm results to Lodges from a good-natured contention among the members concerning the choice of

their officers, and further believe that better officers will be chosen under the law as it exists than under the proposed amendment. Your committee therefore beg leave to report adversely on the proposed amendment.

D. R. ANDERSON,
F. W. LATIMER,
H. C. FELTMAN,
T. J. GREGORY,
F. BROSS.

*Document 51, page 293.

Adopted Thursday evening.

Document No. 118.

Tenth report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the proposed amendment* of Article seven, Section five of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of amending Article Seven, Section Five, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, providing that all witnesses in trials in Subordinate Lodges shall be obligated by the Lodge Commissioner, beg leave to report that they see no necessity for the proposed change in the Subordinate Constitution; but your committee believe that the working of the present provision of the Constitution on this matter is satisfactory. Your committee, therefore, beg leave to recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted.

D. R. ANDERSON,
F. BROSS,
F. W. LATIMER,
H. C. FELTMAN,
T. J. GREGORY.

*Document 52, page 294.

Adopted Thursday evening.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented the following reports, (their twentieth to thirty-third inclusive), which were laid on the table, under the rule. All adopted Thursday evening.

Document No. 119.

Twentieth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of protest against increase in capitation tax:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, having examined a resolution* passed by Good Samaritan Lodge No. 540, introduced by the Representative of said Lodge to this Grand Body, and reading as follows: "That we protest against the capitation tax being increased for the present," beg leave to report that the administration of the Order should be carried out on economical lines, consistent with approved business methods and principles; but this committee being of the opinion that the subject embodied in aforesaid matter, being an expenditure of money, should have been sent to the Committee on Finance, we therefore beg to be relieved from further consideration of the case.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
Isaac N. Roland,
W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
Committee.

*Document 53, page 295.

Document No. 120.

Twenty-first report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Bro. R. J. Osman, P.G., of Guardian Lodge No. 60, of Woodstock*:

Bro. Osman is almost 88 years of age and 43 years a member of the Order. The old brother is unable to do much, if anything, for his support, and in addition he has a daughter who is an epileptic, and they have no other relatives nearer than second cousin, and have, therefore, no one to depend on for assistance but the Lodge; and his dues have not been paid for more than two years, and consequently he is liable to be dropped at any time. The Lodge have practically supported them for the past ten years, expending from $100 to $150 a year. They don't want to desert them, neither do they want them sent to the poor-house; but their means are nearly exhausted, their membership is small, and they feel as though they cannot continue this relief any longer, but promised, if the Grand Lodge will assist them by an appropriation from the Special Fund to the amount of $100, they will still continue to provide for them. The statement has been fully confirmed by the investigation of a Special Deputy, and we believe that, in the cause of Humanity, we ought to grant the assistance asked for.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
Isaac N. Roland,
W. F. Holt,
Committee.

*Document 60, page 299.

Document No. 121.

Twenty-second report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Bro. Christian Schuettner, of Uhland Lodge No. 305, presented by Bro. Ludwig, of Lodge No. 407,* asking for assistance from the Grand Lodge to the amount of $100.00. Without a proper investigation by the Grand Master or some one deputized by him, we do not feel warranted in recommending said appropriation. We therefore ask to be excused from further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
Isaac N. Roland,
W. F. Holt,
J. P. Ellacott,
Committee.

*Document 74, page 312.

Document No. 122.

Twenty-third report, by Bro. Isaac N. Roland, of No. 61.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order, in regard to the matter of application of Madison Lodge No. 43, asking permission to circulate a petition among the Lodges to aid in raising a $4,000.00 mortgage upon their property, which has been placed in the hands of this committee direct,* would respectfully report that the matter is not properly within the province of this committee for an opinion, and therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

Isaac N. Roland,
J. P. Ellacott,
W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum.

*The application was placed in the hands of the committee by the Grand Master, to whom it was addressed.

Document No. 123.

Twenty-fourth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of a Cemetery established by Percy Lodge No. 827:*

That we heartily concur in their action in locating and maintaining an Odd Fellows' Cemetery, and recommend the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
Isaac N. Roland,
W. F. Holt,
J. P. Ellacott,
Committee.

* Document 93, page 327.

Document No. 124.

Twenty-fifth report, by Bro. Isaac N. Roland, of No. 61.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of petition for aid for raising a mortgage claim on the home of the widow and children of the late Brother Simal Walters,* and presented through the Representative of No. 148: That the petition be referred to the incoming Grand Master for investigation and action. Your committee beg to be excused from further consideration of the petition.

Respectfully submitted.

Isaac N. Roland,
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
J. P. Ellacott,
W. F. Holt,
Committee.

* Document 68, page 309.

Document NO. 125.

Twenty-sixth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of a resolution appealing for aid from Downer's Grove Lodge, No. 750.*

In regard to the matter of an appeal for aid or permission to appeal to Lodges throughout the jurisdiction for aid by a committee for that purpose appointed by Downer's Grove Lodge, No. 750, I. O. O. F., wherein said committee desire aid for Bro. Johnson, a member of aforesaid Lodge, who has had many misfortunes, we beg leave to report that, inasmuch as this matter comes within the province of the Grand Master, and inasmuch as this matter should have been submitted to the Grand Master in ample time to have enabled him to

appoint some one to investigate this case and make a report in detail of same through the proper channels, in order to receive due consideration at this session, we therefore ask to be released from further action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
Isaac N. Roland,
J. P. Ellacott,
W. F. Holt,
Committee.

* Document 59, page 298.

Document No. 126.

Twenty-seventh report, by Bro. J. P. Ellacott, of No. 416.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of petition of T. P. Mitchell,* of Pendleton, Ind., in behalf of Jacob Wiford, who was a member of Hoopeston Lodge, No. 498, now defunct.

Would recommend that this case be referred to the incoming Grand Master, with power to assist the brother as, in his judgment, may be advisable, after due investigation, which, with the limited time and evidence before this committee, we have not been able to make.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. Ellacott,
J. L. Barnum,
Isaac N. Roland,
A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt,
Committee.

* The petition was placed in the hands of the committee by the Grand Master, to whom it was addressed.

Document No. 127.

Twenty-eighth report, by Bro. J. P. Ellacott, of No. 416.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Bro. Isaac Coble,* of Brookville Lodge No. 530, now defunct, that the case be referred to the incoming Grand Master, to afford such relief, after due investigation, as, in his judgment, may be necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. Ellacott,
Isaac N. Roland,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
Committee.

* Document 72, page 311.

Document No. 128.

Twenty ninth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Decoration of Graves of deceased brothers in memoriam:

In regard to the resolution* of Bro. Henry M. Cohen, Representative of Nonpareil Lodge No. 331, reading as follows:

"*Resolved*, That each and every Lodge of the I. O. O. F. in the State of Illinois having deceased brothers buried in the cemeteries of their respective cities, towns and villages, shall, on some Sunday or other day of each year, meet in their respective halls and from there march to the cemetery, where exercises suitable to the occasion shall be held, and the graves of our deceased brothers be decorated with flowers."

We, your Committee on State of the Order, would respectfully report that, as there is no law preventing the observance of memorial days for deceased brother Odd Fellows, we are of the opinion that permission should be granted pursuant to said resolution. We therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
Isaac N. Roland,
J. P. Ellacott,
W. F. Holt.

* Document 58, page 297.

Document No. 129.

Thirtieth report, by Bro. Isaac N. Roland, of No. 61.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Veteran Jewels.

It is a matter of gratification to note that during the year there were presented to members of Lodges one hundred and nineteen veteran jewels, one hundred and seventeen being twenty-five-year brother veterans, and two being fifteen-year Rebekah veterans.

To hold continuous membership and honored association for so many years is worthy of the Jewel bestowed, and the knowledge that so many veterans are permitted to sit with us and share in our deliber-

ations is of peculiar pleasure to our membership. Your committee recommend the portion of the Grand Secretary's Report above referred to. Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC N. ROLAND,
J. L. BARNUM,
A. M. HOUSER,
J. P. ELLACOTT,
W. F. HOLT,
Committee.

Document No. 130.

Thirty-first report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the complaint* of Bro. Brail, of Garfield Lodge No. 698, that other Lodges in Cook County are initiating and conferring degrees upon candidates for a less sum than the minimum required by the Constitution, would recommend that the incoming Grand Master be instructed to investigate the above complaint, and if found true, to take such measures as will forever put a stop to the violation of the law. Respectfully submitted.

J. L. BARNUM,
J. P. ELLACOTT,
ISAAC N. ROLAND,
A. M. HOUSER,
W. F. HOLT,
Committee.

* Document 75, page 313.

Document No. 131.

Thirty-second report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Exchange of Rituals:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, having examined that part of the Grand Secretary's Report relating to the exchange of Rituals, beg leave to report that the action of the Grand Secretary be approved and confirmed, and we commend the aforesaid officer for his diligence and zeal in the prompt discharge of the arduous duties in this respect.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. HOUSER,
J. L. BARNUM,
ISAAC N. ROLAND,
J. P. ELLACOTT,
W. F. HOLT,
Committee.

Document No. 132.

Thirty-third report, by Bro. Isaac N. Roland, of No. 61.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, . O. O. F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Committees:

Your committee, in reporting upon this portion of the Grand Master's Report, page 157 in the Reports of Grand Lodge Officers for 1897, most heartily affirm the exalted manner in which he has expressed himself. Bro. Miller and his able assistant have disproved the old adage, "A man is not without honor save in his own country." Their agreeable manner and courteous treatment of visitors, in the magnificent temple erected by the Order, are not only agreeable reminders of the broad and liberal sentiments espoused by the Order they represent so acceptably, but have a tendency to create the true fellowship so pronounced in our Fraternity. The work of the committees has been most satisfactory, and rendered with a judgment born of success.

We recommend that this Grand Lodge concur in the expressions of appreciation expressed by the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC N. ROLAND,
J. L. BARNUM,
A. M. HOUSER,
W. F. HOLT,
J. P. ELLACOTT,
Committee.

Rep. Geo. W. Young, of No. 392, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See eleventh report of that committee.

Document No. 133.

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge has come to be a very unwieldy and extravagant body, and receives more credit for its acts of omission than for its acts of commission, thereby showing that its importance as a body is growing less as time goes on; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that said Sovereign Grand Lodge should adopt some means by which its expenses could be reduced, and relieve the Subordinate Lodges of the great burden of keeping it up; therefore it is resolved that our Representatives to said Sovereign Grand Lodge use all reasonable efforts to have the Constitution of said Sovereign Grand Lodge amended so that the representation therein should be cut down one-half, that is, one representative from each Grand Lodge and one representative from each Grand Encampment, instead of two, as is the law now. Be it further

Resolved, That our Representatives to said Sovereign Grand Lodge make report of their acts and doings under this resolution at the next session of the Grand Lodge, stating particularly what they have done, and what success they had in having their efforts in this direction considered.

Document No. 134.

[This was a preamble and resolution offered by Rep. Young, of No. 392, and referred to the Committee on Legislation, and is the basis of the twelfth report of that committee. In compliance with the order of the Grand Lodge at the Thursday evening session, the document is omitted from the printed Journal.—*Grand Secretary.*]

Rep. Young, of No. 392, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See thirteenth report of that committee.

Document No. 135.

Be it resolved, By the Representatives in this Grand Lodge, that we are opposed to any further revision of the Subordinate Lodge Rituals for the next fifty (50) years.

The Special Committee on Old Folks' Home presented the following report, which was made a special order for Thursday morning.

Document No. 136.

First report, by Bro. Chas. S. Thornton, of No. 858.

Your Special Committee on that part of the Grand Master's Report referring to the Old Folks' Home, and also resolutions offered by Brothers Melville, Merrills and Cohen, would respectfully report as follows:

This Grand Lodge, at its Annual Session in 1896, by direction of ninety-six per cent. of the Subordinate Lodges of Illinois, whose action was dictated after the most mature consideration, passed without a dissenting vote the following enactment: "There is hereby established, and to be maintained by this Grand Lodge a Home for the aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah within this jurisdiction." At thesame time Trustees were appointed, five from this Grand Lodge, and five Rebekahs constituting an Advisory Board, who were directed to secure a suitable location. In the resolution giving such direction the Trustees were in no way restricted as to such location, nor were they in any way directed as to the place they should

locate the Home. They were "authorized and directed to obtain by purchase a site." The Board of Trustees, after many days of personal inspection, comparison, consultation with many hundreds of the members of the Order, and the most careful consideration of the relative values of the several locations submitted, and of the advantages and disadvantages of each one of the same, entered into a contract with one hundred and twelve of the citizens of Mattoon, whereby there was conveyed by deed to this Grand Body one hundred and thirty-six acres of land, actually costing the citizens making the purchase the sum of $12,920, said citizens agreeing, and binding such agreement by a bond executed by themselves, to pay taxes levied during the next fifty years upon the buildings and forty acres of ground upon which the same stand, all necessary sewerage facilities to extend and connect with the Home, and to furnish a copious supply of water for protection against fire free of charge, and a supply for house purposes at a favorable reduction in rates; to extend its electric light system and furnish light in the streets and about the buildings of the Home for the period of fifty years without expense to this Order, to furnish, free of charge, the services of a competent architect, and to macadamize or pave with brick immediately to the limits of the city, and to continue such highway from the limits to the Home property, paving or macadamizing same. Other privileges have been granted not necessary here to enumerate, inasmuch as they are fully set forth in the report, excepting that $1,800 has been paid in cash as a gift to this Body by the citizens of Mattoon. The Trustees accepted the deed, and filed the same for record, and the Order now owns the property in fee simple, and has good title to the same. In return for this land and for the privileges granted, which have been fairly estimated to be worth not less than fifty thousand dollars, the Trustees agreed in writing to expend twenty thousand dollars in the construction of a building or buildings which, when erected, shall belong to the Order, and to which neither the City of Mattoon nor its citizens shall have any claim. In other words, Mattoon has presented to this Grand Lodge one hundred and thirty-six acres of land, with many privileges, on condition that the Order shall erect for its own use a building or buildings costing twenty thousand dollars.

Although the citizens of certain places not selected by the Trustees feel somewhat disappointed at their failure to secure the Home, yet your committee is of the opinion that the Trustees should receive the congratulations of the Order for the magnificent results of their efforts in this regard.

This very favorable contract was entered into and signed by four of the five members of the Board of Trustees, authorized and directed by this Grand Body, and was also signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary on behalf of this Grand Body, binding this Grand Lodge to carry out in good faith said contract. It was also approved

by all the members of the Advisory Board of Rebekahs. The Trustees have sufficient means at their command to commence the construction of the building, but in addition thereto it will be necessary to expend six thousand dollars during the coming year in order to complete the same. Of this amount, they expect to obtain through the co-operation of the Rebekah branch of the Order the sum of one thousand dollars. For the balance, an assessment of ten cents per capita will be necessary. These sums will enable the Trustees to complete the central building of the Home sufficient for its needs, in all probability, for some years to come. To this building may be added from time to time thereafter, as necessity may require, additional cottages or buildings.

The erection of a central building, it is hardly necessary to say, is a first necessity for culinary and dining purposes, and the addition of fifty rooms, which will save in fuel, care and cost of construction, is unquestionably advantageous at this time in the interest of economy, and will limit the assessment for this year to but ten cents per capita. Future expenditures can, in the estimation of the Trustees, by the enactment of judicious and fair rules, be limited to an annual assessment of ten cents per capita, unless this Grand Body shall desire to make more liberal provision.

The completion of this plan for an Old Folks' Home, which in some form has been before this Grand Body frequently since 1883, will prove of great benefit to those Lodges which are struggling, with insufficient resources, to maintain aged and infirm members, and will present to the Order everywhere an example of fraternity and liberality which will prove an inspiration to other jurisdictions and an incentive to greater growth and usefulness in this state.

The resolutions which have been referred to your committee—one offered by Brothers Melville and Merrills, of No. 693 and No. 650, respectively, the other by Brother Henry M. Cohen, of No. 331—each of said resolutions asking that this Grand Lodge shall stultify itself and bring discredit upon itself and the Order by refusing to live up to obligations entered into under its direction, and by its authority sanctioned and ratified by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and by declining to carry out the contract which its officers have made, and by which this Grand Body has already acquired title to one hundred and thirty-six acres of ground, with privileges already referred to, are too puerile and too abhorrent to that sense of fair dealing held by every Odd Fellow to warrant the belief that they could have been presented with the idea of their being seriously considered. It is unnecessary for your committee to do more in answer to the publicity attained by these resolutions than to publish, on your behalf, the fact that this Grand Lodge, from which, like a fountain, flow the principles of true Odd Fellowship, cannot be

presented to the world with its waters tainted with dishonorable action, by double dealing, by shifty policies, or by a disregard of its obligations.

Your committee are of the opinion that there is but one honorable course for this Grand Lodge to pursue: to ratify the action of itself, of its officers, of the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home, to approve the report of the Grand Master in this regard, and to authorize a capitation tax of ten cents per capita to complete the work ordered unanimously by the Grand Lodge last year, to disapprove the resolutions offered by Brothers Melville, Merrills and Cohen, and thus give opportunity to the Order to carry out its true and liberal policy of relieving the distressed and caring for the infirm.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. S. THORNTON,
LOUIS KISTLER,
SAM J. BAKER.

The Committee on Printing presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. See thirty-second report of that committee.

Document No. 137.

Sixth report, by Bro. J. R. Kewley, of No 450.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the "Illinois Code of 1896":

Pursuant to authority granted by the adoption of Document No. 79, page 268, Journal of 1896, your committee has had printed two thousand copies of said "Code," and the same is now on sale in the Grand Secretary's office. Early in the year we learned that Bro. Charles S. Thornton, by embodying the 1896 decisions and legislations of the Sovereign and Grand Lodges, would so enlarge the work that it was useless to have it printed in same size page as that of "Willard's Code," hence all bids were rejected and new ones invited for a book of the same size page as our Annual Journal. By doing this we also hoped to bring the entire cost within the estimate of one year ago. The copy having been completed, the committee met July 9th, and found the bids ranged from $1.95 to $2.75 per completed page, including electrotype plates; that of the Calumet Book and Engraving Co., of Chicago, being the lowest, the contract was let to it at $1.95 per completed page, including plates, and it was to have been completed in forty-five days. Delay was encountered in the editor's office in perfecting the index and re-arranging some portions of the work after it was put into type, so that, with additional delays in the printing office, the completion of the Code in time for delivery prior to the present session

was impossible. The Code proved to be much larger than the five hundred pages estimated, thus materially increasing the cost; and growing out of the work in the compiler's office, as indicated above, a bill for extras was created. The entire cost, including the plates, will nearly equal the selling price at two dollars per copy; yet it must not be forgotten that we have a well-bound book, good paper, clear type, in fact, no doubt, the largest, best and most complete Code ever published by the Order, and that the ownership of the plates, costing over two hundred and fifty dollars, is a considerable profit in itself, and that with them, at least one dollar and a half profit per copy will be realized upon future editions, one of which will soon be needed.

The bill of the printers is attached hereto, and its payment is recommended by your committee.

Fraternally submitted.

J. R. Kewley,
John R. Camp,
G. F. Cecil,
Sven Windrow,
H. Dinkelman.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 15, 1897.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.,
To Calumet Book and Engraving Co., Dr.

2,000 copies of Thornton's Code of 1896, 760 pages, including electrotype plates, at $1.95 per page	$1,482 00
453 hours' time for changes, at 50 cents per hour	226 50
Extras for larger amount of brevier type above specifications.	38 00
16 boxes for electro plates, at 40 cents	6 40
20 boxes for books for shipping, at 50 cents	10 00
Corrections in plates, at foundry, as per bill	24 90
Headbands on books	7 00
	$1,794 80

The same committee presented the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule. Adopted Thursday morning.

Document No. 138.

Seventh report, by Bro. Sven Windrow, of No. 812.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows, in relation to the matter of expenses incurred, and would respectfully ask that the bills be allowed:

Yours Truly,
C. E. Wolfe.

Grand Guardian.

1. Harry L. McClaren, stenographer during session.....$15 00
2. H. J. Reeziger, stenographer during session..... 20 00
3. John R. Camp, Chairman Printing Committee, expenses as follows:

Postage paid.....	$3 46
Express paid.....	1 10
Telegraphing paid.....	50
Stenography and typewriting in preparing specifications and contracts for Grand Lodge Printing.....	12 00
Total.....	$17 06

4. Rent of two typewriters..... $1 00

Respectfully submitted.

SVEN WINDROW,
JOHN R. CAMP,
J. R. KEWLEY,
G. F. CECIL,
H. DINKELMAN.

Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Rebekah Degree. See fifth report of that committee.

Document No. 139.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

BROTHERS: In view of the growing dissatisfaction arising from the present Sovereign Grand Lodge law governing eligibility to membership in the Rebekah branch of the Order, among women; be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge instruct its Sovereign Grand Lodge Representatives to work for the repeal of the present law governing the above matter, and adopt its former law, which permits women to join the Rebekah branch of this Order only when they are directly related to some Odd Fellow.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Thursday Morning, November 18, 1897.

9 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Rankin in the chair.

Present—Grand Officers as yesterday, with a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Marshal and assistants examined the members present, and reported all correct.

The Opening Ode was sung, and the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Master, by order of the Grand Master, then proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for business.

The special order being postponed by consent,—

The Grand Master announced the death of Bro. E. P. Tully, of the Committee on Legislation, and it was moved by Bro. Isaac Golden, of No. 822, that a committee of three be appointed to draft and submit suitable resolutions.

The motion prevailed, and the Grand Master appointed as such committee Bros. H. C. Feltman, of No. 114, P.G.R.; Isaac Golden, of No. 822; J. T. Blaney, of No. 12.

Rep. H. M. Cohen, of No. 331, seconded by Rep. J. W. Jackson, of No. 27, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See fifteenth report of that committee.

Document No. 140.

WHEREAS, The membership of this Grand Lodge is so large as to make this body unwieldy and make legislation difficult, and that with but scant attention; and

WHEREAS, Of the sum of $16.000, which the annual session is costing, nearly three-fourths of the same can be saved to the Orphans' Home; and

WHEREAS, In some instances Past Grands outnumber the Representatives when a *viva voce* vote is taken; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge be composed of none but duly-elected Representatives and Officers of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the representation to this Grand Lodge be so changed that the Odd Fellows of each county in the State of Illinois be allowed two (2) representatives in counties having three (3) or more Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That in counties having less than three (3) Subordinate Lodges the Odd Fellows thereof be entitled to one (1) representative.

Resolved, That the Lodges in Cook county be entitled to twenty-five (25) representatives.

The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge was presented and referred to the Committee on Legislation. See sixteenth report of that committee.

Document No. 141.

Resolved, That Section 5 of Article VIII of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following:

"*Provided, however*, that there shall never be appropriated from such capitation tax for any one fiscal year a sum to exceed ten (10) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, and a sum to exceed forty (40) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home."

So that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Every Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge such capitation tax as may from year to year, or by the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be determined upon. *Provided, however*, that there shall never be appropriated from such capitation tax for any one fiscal year a sum to exceed ten (10) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, and a sum to exceed forty (40) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home."

FRED. B. MERRILLS, No. 650.
W. H. CROCKER, No. 214.
E. M. STRICKLIN, No. 386.
ISAAC GOLDEN, No. 822.
ISRAEL FIREMAN, No. 822.
B. F. REYNOLDS, No. 822.
ALFRED ORENDORFF, No. 465.
HENRY A. STONE, No. 562.
C. P. SKAGGS, No. 386.
WILLIS MELVILLE, No. 693.

Rep. Beidelman, of No. 362, seconded by Reps. Cooper, of No. 750, and Pearson, of No. 107, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. See fourteenth report of that committee.

Document No. 142.

WHEREAS, It is now, and has been for years past, the custom of the Grand Master to appoint as members of the various standing committees brothers who have already been honored as representatives and with elective offices of the Grand Lodge, and to continue them on such committees from year to year, to the exclusion of other members of the Grand Lodge; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master appoint on such committees brothers who are representatives, believing that it is for the best interests of the Order so to do, and thereby giving them a chance to more fully acquaint themselves with the working of the Grand Lodge, and rise to places of distinction and honor.

The Special Committee on Orphans' Home presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. See thirty-first report of that committee.

Document No. 143.

First report, by Bro. W. H. Crocker, of No. 214.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee on Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home beg leave to make the following report:

1st. We concur in the expression of the Grand Master, in his report, on page 82, and believe with him that the Home is deserving of most cordial and liberal support from this Grand Lodge, and from every member of this jurisdiction.

2d. In reviewing the Directors' Fifth Annual Report, we find that we have insufficient school accommodations for the children, and that the rooms now used are not adapted for school purposes. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that suitable school buildings be erected to accommodate about two hundred children, cost not to exceed $8,000, and the rooms now used for school purposes can be well used for other needs of the Home.

W. H. CROCKER,
CHRIS. C. CROSS,
JAS. P. O'BRIEN.

Bro. Isaac Golden, of No. 822, presented the following query, which was referred to the incoming Grand Master.

Document No. 144.

Question. Is an appointed officer of the Subordinate Lodge, who is absent at roll-call, but comes in thereafter, entitled to be marked as present by the Secretary, thereby showing him to have been present at a majority of the Lodge-meetings?

The following communication from the Rebekah Assembly was received, and was referred to the Committee on Rebekah Degree. See sixth report of that committee.

Document No. 145.

SENATE CHAMBER,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., November, 18, 1897.

The following amendments to the Constitution of Rebekah State Assembly have been adopted, and wait your approval.

LOLA L. RICKARD, Sec'y.

Resolved, That Article V, Section 4, of the Constitution of the Rebekah State Assembly be amended so it shall read as follows:

Article V, Section 4. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting, shall countersign all orders on the Treasurer, keep correct accounts between this Assembly and the several Lodges, shall receive all moneys due and payable to this Assembly, and pay the same over to the Treasurer without delay, taking the Treasurer's receipt for the same, and shall perform such other duties as may be required, and shall give a bond of $10,000. During the session of the Assembly the Secretary may select an Assistant Secretary, who shall receive as compensation three dollars per diem.

Resolved, That Article V, Section 5, be amended to read as follows:

Article V, Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive from the hands of the Secretary all moneys paid to the Assembly, giving a receipt therefor, pay all bills ordered by the Assembly, and perform such other duties as the Assembly may require; also give bond not less than $10,000.

LIZZIE K. BARNETT,
CLARA J. NELSON.

The Special Committee on Orphans' Home presented the following report.

Document No. 146.

Second report, by Bro. W. H. Crocker, of No. 214.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee on Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, to whom was referred resolution of Rep. J. M. Beidelman, of Congress Lodge No. 362 (Doc. No. 3), to-wit: "That it is the sense of this body that technological training should be made a prominent feature of our Home, and that steps be taken at once to have a suitable building erected and put up for this purpose, and that suitable teachers be employed, so that every child may receive instruction in some useful trade or industry."

Your committee, while in sympathy with the resolution, feel that it is, at this time, impracticable, and would therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

W. H. Crocker,
Chris. C. Cross,
Jas. P. O'Brien.

On motion of Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, the rule requiring reports of committees to lie on the table and be read a second time before final action was suspended for the remainder of this session.

On his further motion, the above report was considered and adopted.

Document No. 147.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

Eleventh report, by Bro. I. Golden, of No. 822.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that Bro. A. W. Hendricks, P. G., has presented proper credentials and is entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree.

Isaac Golden,
W. H. Hall.

The Special Committee on Old Folks' Home presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 148.

Second report, by Bro. Sam J. Baker, of No. 180.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee on Old Folks' Home would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of protest of Koerner Lodge* No. 756, and the report of committee from Cook County Lodge No. 240:*

We have examined the same, and having embodied the subject-matter of these documents in a former report, would ask to be excused from their further consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

Sam J. Baker,
Chas. S. Thornton,
Louis Kistler.

*See Documents 91 and 97, pages 324 and 331.

Rep. Blanchard, of No. 97, proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, for consideration at the next annual session.

Document No. 149.

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out those words making Past Grands members of the Grand Lodge, the said section to then read as follows:

"This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, viz: One Representative (who must be a Past Grand in good standing of a Lodge of this jurisdiction) from each of the Lodges of the State, providing, however, that no Representative shall be a member of the Grand Lodge until he shall have received the Grand Lodge Degree."

Rep. Blanchard, of No. 97, offered the following, which, as it would require changes in the Constitution, was laid over for one year.

Document No. 150.

WHEREAS, The different Lodges of this jurisdiction are supposed to send to this Grand Lodge as Representatives brothers who most fully represent the membership of the Lodges from which they hail; and

WHEREAS, In the appointment of the various committees of this Grand Lodge no thought is taken as to whether the brothers composing such committees are Representatives or not; and

WHEREAS, The usefulness of Representatives is thereby limited; be it

Resolved, That, hereafter, the majority of the membership of each committee shall be qualified Representatives of the Lodges of this jurisdiction.

The Committee on Finance again presented the following report (previously presented and afterward withdrawn—see page 279.)

Document No. 26.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of estimated Receipts and Disbursements:

Balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer, not including special funds	$14,842 48	
Capitation tax, 85 cents per member	43,711 25	
Profit on Supplies	1,500 00	
Typewriter for Grand Master's office		$100 00
Mileage and Per Diem		15,000 00
Salary of Grand Master		1,000 00
Sovereign Grand Lodge Tax		150 00
Journal and other Printing		1,500 00
Rent		400 00
Salary of Grand Secretary		2,000 00
Salary of Assistant Grand Secretary		1,000 00
Postage and Express		800 00
Insurance		35 00
Stenographer for Grand Master		480 00
Stenographer for Grand Secretary		360 00
Orphans' Home		15,000 00
Leaving a balance for Mileage and Per Diem and expenses of next session		22,228 73
	$60,053 73	$60,053 73

Your committee would therefore recommend that the sum of $37,-825, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of the ensuing year, in the manner and for the purposes herein expressed, and that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary are hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer therefor, and at such times and in such amounts as may be required to pay legitimate bills as they may be presented: and we further recommend that a per capita tax of 85 cents per capita be paid by the Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Secretary—45 cents per capita in the April report and 40 cents in the October report of 1898. Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
D. J. HARRISON,
W. V. WEISE.

Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, moved that consideration of the report be postponed until the questions in relation to the Old Folks' Home shall have been settled; and the motion prevailed.

The same committee presented the following report.

Document No. 151.

Twenty-ninth report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of capitation tax:

Since presenting our report No. 16, relating to receipts and expenditures during the coming year, the Orphans' Home Committee have requested an appropriation of $25,000.00 in the place of $15,000.00 recommended by your committee. The Old Folks' Home Committee request $5,000.00, for which your committee made no appropriation. In our report No. 16, our estimate of general expenses for the year is $37,825.00. We find that our estimate of $1,500.00 for printing must be increased $1,000.00 An approximation of expenses on the above basis is as follows:

For general expenses	$37,825 09
Additional for printing	1,000 00
" " Orphans' Home	10,000 00
" " Old Folks' Home	5,000 00
For mileage, per diem, etc., next session	20,000 00
Total	$73,825 00
The Grand Treasurer has in his hands about	14,000 00
Which leaves to be raised about	$60,000 00

Should the Grand Lodge allow the above items, it will necessitate levying a capitation tax of $1.20 per member, there being about 51,000 members in the Jurisdiction of Illinois.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
D. J. HARRISON.

On motion of Bro. Latimer, consideration of the above report was postponed until after final action on the questions in relation to the Old Folks' Home.

[The thirty-fourth report of the Committee on Finance, presented at this evening's session, is a substitute for Documents Nos. 26 and 151. For further action on No. 151, see page 371—*G. Secretary.*]

The Grand Master called Deputy Grand Master Lindly to the chair.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 152.

Thirtieth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of moneys expended by Grand Master Rankin, as per bills herewith attached:

Adams Express Company	$0 50
Western Union Telegraph Co	2 29
Postage, etc	50 50
Total	$53 29

These bills have been approved by the Grand Master, and we recommend payment.

Fraternally,

W. V. Weise.
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 153.

Eleventh report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of reducing representation of this Grand Lodge to one Representative.*

Your committee believe that the interests of the great Jurisdiction of Illinois and of other jurisdictions can better be cared for by two Representatives than by one; that one Representative is insufficient to care for the great questions in which our State Jurisdiction is concerned. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

D. R. Anderson,
F. Bross,
T. J. Gregory,
F. W. Latimer,
H. C. Feltman.

*See Document No. 133, page 349.

Grand Master Rankin resumed the chair.

The same committee presented the following report.

Document No. 154.

Twelfth report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Mileage and Per Diem of Past Grand Sires in attendance at the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Your committee believe that this Grand Lodge can safely trust this matter in the hands of our Grand Representatives, in full confidence that they will act as the interests of Odd Fellowship require. Therefore, your committee recommend that the resolution* be not adopted. Respectfully submitted.

D. R. ANDERSON,
F. BROSS,
F. W. LATIMER,
T. J. GREGORY,
H. C. FELTMAN.

*Document No. 134, page 350.

The question being on the adoption of the report, a division was called for, and the vote having been thus taken, the report was not adopted.

Rep. Young, of No. 392, moved that the resolution (Doc. 134, page 350) be adopted; and the motion prevailed.

[See further proceedings at this evening's session.]

The Committee on Legislation presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 155.

Thirteenth report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Revision of Subordinate Lodge Rituals.*

Your committee do not think this session of the Grand Lodge has any power to control the legislation for the future. Therefore, your committee recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

D. R. ANDERSON,
F. BROSS,
T. J. GREGORY,
F. W. LATIMER,
H. C. FELTMAN.

*See Document No. 135, page 350.

The Committee on Rebekah Degree presented the following report.

Document No. 156.

Fifth report, by Bro. Henry A. Stone, of No. 562.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Rebekah Degree would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the resolution* offered by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288, to instruct the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to work for the repeal of the present law governing

eligibility to membership in the Rebekah branch of our Order, and adopt its former law, which permits women to join the Rebekah branch of the Order only when they are directly related to some Odd Fellow,—beg to report that the Rebekah branch of our Order was created by the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the benefit of women, and we believe the sisters are loyal to the mandates of the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and after trying the present law for over three years, believe that it was not only wise legislation, but is in harmony with the fundamental principle of the Order, that teaches a universal brotherhood in the family of man. The Rebekah Assembly of our jurisdiction do not ask or want such change. Furthermore, your committee are of the undoubted opinion that the Sovereign Grand Lodge feel that ample legislation has recently been given the Rebekah Degree to meet its every need for some time to come. We therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

HENRY A. STONE,
S. W. GRUBB,
TOM WOOD,
Committee.

*Document No. 139, page 355.

The question being on the adoption of the report, it was decided in the negative.

On motion, the resolution referred to (Doc. 139) was then adopted.

The following resolution was presented.

Document No. 157.

Resolved, That the Printing Committee be and is hereby instructed to make necessary contracts from year to year for a Daily Journal of our Annual Sessions.

E. DINKELMAN, Rep. 238.
SAML. COHN, 488.
HENRY P. CALDWELL, 488.
W. R. HUMPHERY, 240.
L. W. FRIBOURG, 65.

Bro. Latimer of No. 184, moved to lay on the table.

The motion to lay on the table did not prevail, and the resolution was adopted.

Rep. Young, of No. 392, offered the following.

Document No. 158.

WHEREAS, The reports of the Grand Treasurer show that there was paid out of the Orphans' Home Fund under the designation of "contingent expenses" during the year 1896 the sum of $1,247.29, and

during the year 1897 there was paid under the same designation of contingent expense fund the sum of $1,264.75, making a total out of the Orphans' Home Fund under the head of "contingent expenses," $2,512.04;

And the same reports for said years 1896 and 1897 show that there was paid by said Grand Treasurer under the general head or denomination of "current expenses":

Paid J. R. Miller, Grand Secretary (meaning thereby as the current expenses of the Grand Secretary's office for the year 1896)	$1,429 89
For the year 1897	2,504 06
Making a total for the two years of	$3,933 91
Total for the two years' Orphans' Home Fund and Grand Secretary's office	$6,445 95

which this Grand Lodge has no means of knowing what was bought with this money, or what debts were paid with it, or how or in what manner it was used:

And as this Grand Body has a right to know what becomes of every penny of money that is paid in and disbursed by its officers; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the future reports of the Grand Treasurer his reports shall show particularly each item and the particular class of services rendered for which money is paid out by him. And the Grand Secretary is instructed to have a voucher showing the particular article bought and paid for, and the identical services rendered for which pay is claimed, and the order drawn on the Treasurer shall show for what purpose it is drawn, designating the article bought or the service rendered.

Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, moved to lay on the table.

The motion to lay on the table did not prevail, and the resolution was adopted.

The Special Order was now taken up—questions relating to the proposed Old Folks' Home.

The first report of the Special Committee on Old Folks' Home (Doc. 136, page 350) was considered.

Rep. J. A. Ellis, of No. 868, moved that members desiring to speak be limited to ten minutes each.

Rep. Young, of No. 392, moved to amend by allowing twenty minutes each to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the member of the Board presenting a minority report.

The motion to amend prevailed, and the amended motion was adopted.

Bro. Berry, Grand Warden, moved that the report of the Special Committee be adopted; pending which,—

Bro. Phillips, P.G.M., moved that the report be read.

Bro. Needles, Grand Treasurer, moved to amend, that the reading be dispensed with.

The motion to amend did not prevail, and the motion of Bro. Phillips was adopted.

The Grand Secretary then read the report.

In compliance with a motion of Rep. Merrills, of No. 650, adopted by the Grand Lodge, Document No. 65, page 303, was also read.

The Grand Master called Deputy Grand Master Lindly to the chair.

Rep. Merrills moved, as a substitute for the motion to adopt the report of the Special Committee, that the whole matter be referred to the Subordinate Lodges, and that further action be postponed until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge; pending which, Grand Master Rankin having resumed the chair,—

The Grand Lodge took recess until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon, November 18.

1:30 O'CLOCK.

Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Rankin in the chair, and all Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

After examination by the Grand Marshal and assistants, the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened, and resumed the consideration of the first report of the Special Committee on Old Folks' Home—the pending question being the motion of Rep. Merrills, of No. 650, to substitute Document No. 65 for the report of the committee.

After a full discussion of the subject in all its aspects, Bro. Merrills asked and obtained leave to withdraw his motion.

Bro. F. W. Latimer then offered the following, signed by himself and by Bros. M. P. Berry, Henry Phillips, E. S. Conway, Henry A. Stone, C. F. Mansfield, Fred. B. Merrills, J. H. Raible, W. R. Jewell, C. M. Lytle, A. Summerlin, and Willis Melville.

Document No. 159.

Amend the report of the committee by substituting the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge reaffirm its willingness to build an Old Folks' Home at a cost not to exceed (except as raised by donation) an amount equal to a per capita tax of twenty cents for the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction on November, 1896. And that the location at Mattoon be and the same is hereby approved. And that we will sustain and support the Home at a cost not to exceed ten cents per capita for each and every year. And the Trustees are instructed to change their contracts to conform herewith.

Resolved, That, as the Home cannot be occupied before the next session of this Grand Lodge, there is no necessity for the maintenance tax of ten cents per capita for the years 1897 and 1898.

Bro. Mansfield, P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Stone, P.G.M., moved the adoption of the proposition to amend the report of the committee.

Grand Treasurer Needles moved the previous question, and the motion was seconded and adopted without dissent.

The question was then taken on the motion of Bro. Mansfield to amend the report of the committee, and the motion prevailed by a unanimous vote.

Bro. Phillips, P.G.M., then moved the adoption of the report of the committee as amended, and the motion prevailed by a unanimous vote.

The Grand Lodge then resumed the regular order of business.

The Committee on Degree of Rebekah presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 160.

Sixth report, by Bro. S. W. Grubb, of No. 478.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Rebekah Degree would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the proposed amendments* to the Constitution of the Rebekah Assembly: We recommend that the sum proposed for the bond of the Secretary of the Assembly be reduced to $5,000, and that with this change the proposed amendments be adopted.

S. W. Grubb,
H. A. Stone,
Tom Wood.

*Document No. 145, page 359.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was considered.

Document No. 161.

Thirty-first report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the $8,000 appropriation for a school building at the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, recommended by the Special Orphans' Home Committee (Doc. 143, page 358): That this Committee did, in its report No. 16, recommend an appropriation of $15,000.00

for the Orphans' Home, this amount being all an 85 cent capitation tax would furnish; we therefore refer the matter back to the Grand Lodge for its decision, with no recommendation from your committee.

Fraternally submitted.

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

On motion of Bro. Humphrey, G. Rep., the first report of the Special Committee on Orphans' Home (Doc. 143, page 358) was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Lindly, D.G.M., the twenty-ninth report of the Committee on Finance (Doc. 151, page 362) was referred back to that committee for revision.

Bro. Charles F. Mansfield, P.G.M., addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

During my term as Grand Master, I received a fund from the Lodges in aid of the cyclone sufferers. I deposited the money in the two banks at my home. I drew out the money that was paid to the sufferers at East St. Louis and other points, the balance of the funds remaining in the two banks. When the Grand Lodge met last year it approved the account, and the balance remaining in my hands was then ascertained. When I went home from the Grand Lodge, on the 24th day of November, I drew out from the two banks the amount necessary to pay over to the Grand Lodge the balance due it, and I purchased at each bank a draft in favor of Bro. Thomas B. Needles, Grand Treasurer, for an amount aggregating the sum due the Grand Lodge, which I forwarded to Bro. Needles. Bro. Needles received this draft issued by the Farmers' Bank for $969.30 and sent it on to Chicago for collection in the usual course of business. This bank did not have the funds in Chicago, and the draft went to protest. Bro. Needles, having received that information, telegraphed me, but when his message came my baby was lying a corpse and friends were gathered for the funeral. I sent the message down to the bank, and the banker said he would attend to it right away.

The explanation is this from the banker: He had been buying lands extensively in Indiana, and had sold the lands at an advanced price; but the parties who bought the lands from him were unable to meet their obligations, and this banker had to pay out a great many thousand dollars to save his own second mortgages, and his cash was overdrawn. He promised me that he would attend to it in a short time. I wrote to Bro. Needles to that effect. I told Bro. Needles "the banker is a friend of mine, and the amount will be made good by me. I wish that you would do the collecting instead of myself." The

matter was continued along; the banker promised several times to pay it. I went away from my home, and when I returned, found that it had not been paid. I again went to the banker and said to him that I must have this matter settled up. Can you give some security? He said he had a great many bushels of corn on which he could issue grain receipts, but he was short on cash. He then gave me a grain receipt, and I went to Chicago to get the money. The bank said, "We will loan you the money on your note, but we won't loan money out on the grain receipt. You go and have the corn turned over to you." The banker gave me a bill of sale for 10,000 bushels of grain, and I placed a notice on the crib, "This is the property of C. F. Mansfield." The banker gave me his note for the amount of this draft and the interest from the day I bought it until the time his note should become due, and that interest is $18. This I offered to turn over to Bro. Needles, Grand Treasurer; but Bro. Needles said he had no authority to receive it, but I sent it back to him, and he has held it until this session, and he again presented me with this check for $18. This money does not belong to me; that banker having his draft go to protest ought to pay it, and I want to present it to the Grand Lodge, as it belongs to the Grand Lodge.

It is not my fault that this draft went to protest. It was one of those things that occurred during the hard times. I desire to report the amount of the draft to the Grand Lodge, $18 interest from the Farmers & Merchants Bank paid for the funds delayed in their hands because of the protest of their draft.

Bro. Howard, P.G.M., moved that the explanation of Bro. Mansfield in relation to $18.00 interest on the Cyclone fund be accepted and made a matter of record, and that the amount be turned over to the Grand Treasurer and placed in the treasury of the Grand Lodge; and the motion prevailed.

On motion of Bro. Phillips, P.G.M., it was ordered that when the Grand Lodge adjourns it be to meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

The following communications (Docs. 162, 163, 164) were received from the Rebekah Assembly, and the several amendments therein contained were approved by vote of the Grand Lodge.

Document No. 162.

SENATE CHAMBER,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., November 18, 1897.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Rebekah State Assembly has been adopted and awaits your approval.

LOLA L. RICKARD, Secretary.

Resolved, That the Rebekah Assembly amend the Constitution of this Rebekah Assembly to allow the officers, committees and delegates 5 cents per mile instead of 4 cents, as Constitution now reads.

Document No. 163.

SENATE CHAMBER,
SESSION OF REBEKAH STATE ASSEMBLY.
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., November 18, 1897.

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Rebekah State Assembly have been adopted by the Rebekah State Assembly and await your approval.

Section 1, Article II. The clause: Delegates must be Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges.

Amend Section 3, Article II, by changing the date of the election of delegates, changing the date to the first meeting in July after installation of officers.

That out of Rules of Order the words "from the delegates" be stricken from Rule 1.

LOLA L. RICKARD, Secretary.

Document No. 164.

SENATE CHAMBER,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., NOV. 18, 1897.

The following amendment to the Constitution of Rebekah State Assembly has been adopted, and awaits your approval.

LOLA L. RICKARD,
Secretary.

Resolved, That Section 3 of Article VII be amended to read as follows:

The President, Vice-President, Warden, Secretary and Treasurer shall receive four cents per mile one way and three dollars per diem.

The President shall receive $100 per year and expenses; the Secretary $300 per year and expenses, and the Treasurer $50 per year, for their services. The maximum amount of expenses to be fixed by the Assembly in advance each year.

Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, offered the following, which was adopted.

Document No. 165.

Resolved, That the respective Trustees of the Board of Old Folks' Home and Orphans' Home shall not be allowed per diem for their attendance at the meetings of their respective Boards, but shall only be paid the actual cost of railroad fare and hotel bill.

The following paper was presented, and the resolution therein contained was adopted.

Document No. 166.

November 18, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

WHEREAS, At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Illinois, held in this city, a majority of the members expressed a decided preference for a suitable metal badge as a souvenir of the meeting, rather than the ordinary silk badge; and

WHEREAS, The M. C. Lilley & Company, of Columbus, Ohio, manifesting its interest in the Order and in secret society work generally, designed and made dies and manufactured such goods of beauty and value; and

WHEREAS, Other firms have imitated these badges in both style and finish, and have placed them in competition with the Lilley Company's work; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we deem it proper to record the fact that The M. C. Lilley & Company is entitled to the credit of originating these acceptable badges, and that members of the Order appreciate its work.

This declaration is merely in the direction of one of the tenets of Odd Fellowship, that simple justicé be done.

THE M. C. LILLEY & CO.,
Per J. P. DOYLE.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following report, which was considered and not adopted.

Document No. 167.

Fourteenth report, by Bro. T. J. Gregory, of No. 10.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the resolution* of Representative J. N. Beidelman, of Lodge No. 362, in reference to the mode of selecting the various committees. Beg leave to report that this subject-matter has been before this Grand Lodge and passed upon almost yearly for several years past. We are still of the opinion that the interests of this Grand Lodge are best subserved by leaving the matter of selecting the committees in the hands of the Grand Master, as he is in a position to know who is best qualified to perform the important duties of these positions. Your committee, therefore, asks to be relieved from further consideration, and recommends that the resolution be not adopted.

T. J. GREGORY,
F. BROSS,
F. W. LATIMER,
H. C. FELTMAN,
D. R. ANDERSON.

*Document 142, page 358.

The same committee presented the following report, which was laid on the table until the next annual session.

Document No. 168.

Fifteenth report, by Bro. T. J. Gregory, of No. 10.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of resolution* offered by Representatives H. M. Cohen, Lodge No. 331, and J. W. Jackson, Lodge No. 27, in reference to membership and representation in this Grand Lodge, respectfully report that this subject-matter has been brought before the Grand Lodge on several occasions and always voted down; and while in effect it is in reality an amendment to the Constitution, your committee reports adversely on the resolution and asks to be relieved from further consideration.

T. J. Gregory,
F. Bross,
H. C. Feltman,
D. R. Anderson.

*Document No. 140, page 356.

The same committee presented the following report, which was laid on the table, for consideration at the next annual session.

Document No. 169.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. H. C. Feltman, of No. 114.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of amending Section 5 of Article VIII of the Grand Lodge Constitution,* as follows:

"Every Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge such capitation tax as may from year to year, or by the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, be determined upon.

"*Provided, however,* that there shall never be appropriated from such capitation tax, for any one fiscal year, a sum to exceed ten (10) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, and a sum to exceed forty (40) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home."

That they have duly considered the resolution offered by Fred B. Merrills, of Lodge No. 650, and others, and recommend that said amendment be adopted.

H. C. Feltman,
T. J. Gregory,
D. R. Anderson,
F. Bross,
F. W. Latimer.

*Document 141, page 357.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 170.

Thirty-second report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Bill* of Printing Committee:

That upon consultation with the Printing Committee we are convinced that the price is not excessive. Inasmuch as the Grand Lodge voted an appropriation of $1,000 at its session in 1896, we would recommend the payment of the amount, $794.80 being the amount in excess of last year's appropriation. The report of said Printing Committee, signed by all its members, being hereto attached.

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
D. J. HARRISON,
W. V. WEISE.

*Document 137, pages 353-4.

The same committee presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 171.

Thirty-third report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard the matter of the bill of Past Grand Master Henry A. Stone,* Trustee of the Old Folks' Home, for $127.97, for printing minority report on the location of said Home.

The bill comes before us with the indorsement of Grand Master Rankin, and we therefore recommend its payment.

Fraternally,

W. V. WEISE,
JACOB KROHN,
D. J. HARRISON.

*Document No. 101, page 333.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 172.

Thirty-fourth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Brother Thomas Taylor, of Quincy Lodge No. 12, whose letter of the 15th of November, 1897, to

this Grand Lodge, was referred to our committee. We find, after a careful investigation of the case, so far as we can without the Lodge records, to be about as follows: During the administration of Bro. Wheatley, P. G. M., in 1891, Brother Taylor was in receipt of benefits for a long time, and after a thorough investigation of the proper committtee, they reported the brother not entitled to further benefits. Brother Taylor made complaint to Brother Wheatley, G. M., in reference to the refusal of Quincy Lodge to pay him anything further. The Grand Master sustained the action of the Lodge, after a careful and thorough investigation by Brother Latimer, Special Deputy. The brother now sends in a communication claiming that he had appealed to this Grand Lodge for relief, when the facts show that he never took any appeal from the action of the Lodge, or from the action of the Grand Master; and we are, therefore, of the opinion, he not having taken an appeal within the constitutional time, and several years having since elapsed, and recommend, that the whole matter be dismissed, and your committee be relieved from any further consideration of the case.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt,
Isaac N. Roland,
J. P. Ellacot,
Committee.

*Document 96, page 330.

The following paper was presented, and was laid on the table for consideration at the next annual session.

Document No. 173.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, members of this Grand Lodge, and representing the requisite number of Subordinate Lodges to entitle them to call for a vote by Lodges, submit the following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and demand that a vote be taken by a call of Lodges at the hour of ten (10) o'clock A. M. on the second day's session of this Grand Lodge in 1898:

Amend Section 1 of Article VI by adding after the word "members," in the tenth line, the following, viz.: "A majority of each of the above committees shall be selected from the Representatives to this Grand Lodge," so that the section as amended would read as follows, viz.:

The Grand Master, at each annual session, shall, within twenty days after his installation as such, appoint the following committees:

First—On Credentials, three members;
Second—On State of the Order, five members;
Third—On Legislation, five members;

Fourth—On Finance, three members;
Fifth—On Rebekah Degree, three members;
Sixth—On Mileage and Per Diem, ten members;
Seventh—On Railroads, three members;
Eighth—On Printing, five members.

A majority of each of these committees shall be selected from the Representatives to this Grand Lodge.

Amend Section 2, Article X, by striking out all after the word "constitution" and substituting the following: "And the vote shall be taken by a call of the Lodges on the second day of the Grand Lodge sessions," so that the section as amended will read:

Section 2, Article X. Two-thirds of all votes cast shall be necessary to adopt an amendment to this Constitution, and the vote shall be taken by a call of the Lodges on the second day of the Grand Lodge sessions.

MARK JARDINE, No. 140.
D. P. GRAY, No. 31.
J. G. BECK, No. 689.
PHIL. SWARTZ, No. 173.
P. E. CROWDER, No. 146.
JAS. A. STEELE, No. 765.
JAMES MAITLAND, No. 105.
TOM WOOD, No. 801.
JOHN A. ATWOOD, No. 266.
WM. WATSON, No. 768.
JAS. P. O'BRIEN, No. 230.

The Special Committee on Death of Bro. E. P. Tully presented the following report, prepared by Bro. H. C. Feltman, of No. 114, P.G.R. The report was unanimously adopted--the vote being taken by rising.

Document No. 174.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Special Committee on the Death of Brother Edgar P. Tully would respectfully report as follows:

IN MEMORIAM.

"The dead are like the stars by day, withdrawn from mortal eye,
But not extinct, they hold their way in glory through the sky."

Edgar P. Tully, a member of this Grand Lodge, and a member of the Committee on Legislation, departed this life at his late home in Chicago on July 31st last. Brother Tully was born in Salem, Ill., about the year 1849. He was initiated into Odd Fellowship in Mount Olive Lodge, No. 114, in the year 1871. He transferred his membership to Colfax Lodge, No. 198, of Chicago, about ten years ago. He served faithfully as a representative in this Grand Lodge, and served as a member of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, and, at the last session, was placed on the Committee on Legislation. He was a living example of true Odd Fellowship. He was a man of exceptionally pure habits. He lived in the atmosphere of moral cleanliness as a thorough gentleman everywhere and under all circumstances. As he lived, he died,—an honest, upright man, a devoted Odd Fellow, a kind and affectionate husband, a tender and loving father, and a citizen who commanded the respect of all who knew him.

"The good die not, this heritage they leave,
The record of a life in virtue spent.
For our own loss at parting though we grieve,
Lives such as theirs build their own monument."

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY C. FELTMAN,
JOHN T. BLANEY,
ISAAC GOLDEN.

Rep. Warner, of No. 160, presented the following.

Document No. 175.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Nov. 18th, 1897.

To the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

WHEREAS, The erection, furnishing and maintaining the Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, their wives or widows, and Sisters of Rebekah, will tax Subordinate Lodge treasuries to their utmost ability, without realizing every true Odd Fellow's fondest hope and desire to make the Old Folks' Home a permanent and substantial success and a perpetual source of inspiration for present and future generations;

WHEREAS, It was never contemplated by the best friends and promoters of this living monument to progressive Odd Fellowship to wholly depend upon capitation tax contributions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That some additional feasible and practical plan be adopted, to fully carry out this unselfish, grand and laudable work, so well begun and so nobly championed by our best membership.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Illinois hereby consents to and duly authorizes the formation and organization of local Old Folks' Home Associations in the respective cities, towns and villages in the State of Illinois where Odd Fellows' and Rebekah Lodges exist, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions or cash donations for the said Home for Aged and Indigent Odd Fellows, or the said associations may adopt such other mode of raising funds as may seem best to them, by public entertainments or other legal enterprises.

These associations shall be composed of Odd Fellows and Sisters of Rebekah in good standing, and only such shall be eligible to membership. Respectfully submitted.

L. A. WARNER,
Rep. Warren Lodge No. 160.

Bro. Mansfield, of No. 589, P.G.M., moved that the resolutions be adopted, with the proviso that neither the Grand Lodge nor any Subordinate Lodge shall incur any expense thereby.

The motion prevailed, and the resolutions were so adopted.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 176.

Seventeenth report, by Bro. F. Bross.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the resolutions* of Electric Lodge No. 868: That, after due consideration of said resolutions, and the subject-matter therein contained, together with the action of this Grand Lodge in regard to matters referred to in said resolutions, we are of the opinion that further legislation is unnecessary; and we therefore ask to be relieved from any further consideration thereof.

F. Bross,
T. J. Gregory,
F. W. Latimer,
Henry C. Feltman,
D. R. Anderson.

*Document 108, page 337.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 7:30 o'clock this evening, and was closed in due form.

Thursday Evening, November 18.

7:30 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment,—Grand Master Rankin in the chair.

All Officers and a quorum of Representatives were present.

The Grand Marshal, with assistants, having made his examination and reported all correct, the Grand Lodge was proclaimed duly opened for the transaction of business.

[The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals presented Document No. 177, being a supplemental report in the Kossuth Lodge case, which was adopted. The report will be found in the Proceedings of the Committee, November Session, page 226, Case No. 186.—*Grand Secretary.*]

The Committee on Finance presented the following reports (their thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, and thirty-sixth), which were severally considered and adopted.

Document No. 178.

Thirty-fourth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of substitute report for our reports Nos. 16 and 29:*

In view of the fact that the Grand Lodge has made appropriations in excess of those recommended by your committee in our No. 16, we beg to submit the following:

Balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer, not including special funds	$14,842 48	
Capitation tax, $1.10 per member	56,567 50	
Profit on Supplies	1,500 00	
Typewriters for Grand Master's office		$100 00
Mileage and Per Diem		15,000 00
Salary of Grand Master		1,000 00
Sovereign Grand Lodge Tax		150 00
Journal and other Printing		2,500 00
Rent		400 00
Salary of Grand Secretary		2,000 00
Salary of Assistant Grand Secretary		1,000 00
Postage and Express		800 00
Insurance		35 00
Stenographer for Grand Master		480 00
Stenographer for Grand Secretary		360 00
Orphans' Home		25,000 00
Leaving a balance for Mileage and Per Diem and expenses of next session		24,084 98
	$72,909 98	$72,909 98

Your committee would therefore recommend that the sum of $48,825, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of the ensuing year, in the manner and for the purposes herein expressed, and that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary are hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer therefor, and at such times and in such manner and amounts as may be required to pay legitimate bills as they may be presented; and we further recommend that a per capita tax of $1.10 per capita be paid by the Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Secretary—55 cents per capita in the April report and 55 cents in the October report of 1898.

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
D. J. HARRISON,
W. V. WEISE.

Documents 26 and 151, pages 361, 362.

Document No. 179.

Thirty-fifth report, by Bro. D. J. Harrison, of No. 288.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Printing Bill of E. F. Hartmann* of $188.50, as per bill attached, which bears the indorsement of the entire Printing Committee.

Your committee would recommend its payment.

Fraternally submitted.

D. J. HARRISON,
W. V. WEISE,
JACOB KROHN.

*This is the bill for printing Reports of Grand Officers.

Document No. 180.

Thirty-sixth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of bill of Ed. F. Hartmann* herewith attached, for $57.60.

Bill being approved by Grand Secretary Jas. R. Miller and the Printing Committee, we recommend its payment.

Fraternally submitted.

W. V. Weise,
D. J. Harrison,
Jacob Krohn.

*This is the bill for printing Report of Trustees of Old Folks' Home.

Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613, offered the following.

Document No. 181.

Whereas, The Deputies of the Grand Master of Lodges are in good standing at the time of their recommendation and appointment as such, but may become in arrears when the next semi-annual password is communicated, thereby giving unlawful possession of the current term password; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That, on the first day of March and the first day of September of each year, the Secretary of the Lodge shall furnish the Grand Master, under seal, a certificate showing the Deputy to be paid up in full of all demands for dues, assessments, fines, etc., before the Grand Master transmits to the Deputy the passwords.

A motion to table was lost.

Rep. Ellis, of No. 868, moved to amend the resolution, making it apply only to Lodges whose Deputies are in arrears.

A further motion was made to refer to the Committee on the State of the Order, pending which,—

On motion of Bro. Kewley, of No. 450, the matter was laid on the table.

Bro. Houser offered the following, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Document No. 182.

Whereas, This jurisdiction has attained the distinction of having the greatest number of brothers proficient in the unwritten work of our Order; and

WHEREAS, This creditable condition was made possible by the indefatigable efforts in that direction by our intelligent and accomplished Past Grand Masters and Grand Representatives, who have by their efforts both past and present distinguished themselves as eminent instructors and attained the highest qualifications; and

WHEREAS, The Deputies of the Grand Master are required by the rules and regulations to examine officers-elect in Lodges before installation as to the proficiency of said officers before said installations may take place, said proficiency being interpreted as including a thorough and creditable knowledge of the unwritten work, as well as an ability to understand and obey the mandates, rules and regulations of the Grand Master and the charges appertaining to the various said officers for installation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master be authorized to incorporate in his instructions to Lodges regarding the recommendation for Deputy a rule requiring that the brother receiving such recommendation shall have attained a proficiency in the unwritten work of not less than 80 per cent, as attested by a certificate from an official examiner showing said percentage of proficiency.

Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613, offered the following.

Document No. 183.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Grand Master Geo. C. Rankin, for the fair, efficient, wise and conservative manner in which he has conducted the office of Grand Master during his term of service in the honored capacity as head of this great jurisdiction, and particularly great credit is due to Bro. Rankin for his magnificent conduct in the entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge during its convocation in the City of Springfield, September 20th to 25th inclusive, and for his efforts in promoting the spirit of harmony and unity in the Lodges throughout this jurisdiction, and for the uniformly courteous treatment of the many correspondents who have taken so much of his time from his personal enterprises.

The Grand Master called Past Grand Master Howard to the chair.

The resolution of thanks was then adopted by a rising vote.

Grand Master Rankin resumed the chair.

Rep. Young, of No. 392, offered the following, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Document No. 184.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, instructed to send printed copies of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge which come up for final action at its next session, in 1898, to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, with instructions that the same be read to the different Lodges, and that said Lodges instruct their delegates how to vote on said amendments; this notice to be sent at least sixty (60) days before the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Young, of No. 392, presented the following:

Document No. 185.

SUBSTITUTE.

Leave out of the printed Journal altogether Document No. 134, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

WHEREAS, It appears from the report of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., that they spend each year several thousand dollars in junketing around over the country holding their annual sessions in different parts of the United States and Canada, thereby involving an expense which is unwarranted by good judgment and economy, and the results of which are becoming alarming and oppressive to the membership of the Order at large, and if persisted in will cause that Sovereign Body to lose the respect which its dignity and position in the Order entitles it to; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in annual session assembled, that the representatives of this Grand Body to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby, most emphatically instructed and directed to stand together and use their best energies and efforts to reduce the expenses of the said Sovereign Grand Lodge, and to have the same hold biennial sessions in some central locality in the United States; and our said representatives are instructed to use all honorable means to reduce the expenses of the Sovereign Grand Lodge by every expedient which their ingenuity can invent or bring forward.

And the said representatives will report to this Grand Lodge at its next annual session the nature and extent of their efforts put forth in this direction, and also the results attained.

Bro. Conway, G. R., moved that the action (page 365) adopting Document 134 be reconsidered; and the motion prevailed.

Bro. Howard, of No. 664, P. G. M., moved that Document 185 be substituted for Document 134; and the motion prevailed.

W. H. Bean

Grand Herald.

On the further motion of Bro. Howard, Document 185 was then adopted.

Rep. Clucas, of No. 119, offered the following.

Document No. 186.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

In the matter of the organization of the Board of Trustees of the Old Folks' Home, the following resolution is respectfully offered as being but just and proper:

Resolved, That the Trustee whose term of office expires at the next ensuing session of the Grand Lodge shall be the President of the said Board of Trustees for that year, and that this line of succession be adopted in the selection of all Presidents of said Board from and after the adoption of this resolution.

On motion of Rep. Pearson, of No. 107, the resolution was laid on the table.

Bro. M. C. Eames, of No. 214, P. G. Treasurer, offered the following.

Document No. 187.

Resolved, That the janitor who shall prepare this room for the next session of the Grand Lodge be instructed to number the seats thereof with distinct numbers, commencing one row before the first riser of the floor, and continuing far enough back to accommodate each representative to this Grand Lodge; and that the seats thus numbered shall be occupied by the representatives of their respectively-numbered Lodges, or reserved therefor, such numbers to be omitted as are not numbers of living Lodges. Seats in front of such numbered chairs to be reserved for Past Grand Officers and members of committees who are not representatives. The arranging of the seats to be under direction of the Grand Secretary.

After motions to table and to postpone indefinitely had been defeated, the question was taken on the adoption of the resolution, and decided in the negative.

Rep. Clucas, of No. 119, offered the following, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Document No. 188.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

WHEREAS, There are serious doubts in the minds of many of the members of this Grand Ledge as to the validity of the bond given by certain of the citizens of Mattoon to the Trustees of the "Old Folks' Home," and this doubt is seemingly shared by the said citizens of Mattoon signing the bond, as is evidenced in the eleventh clause of said bond; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of said "Old Folks' Home" shall, before proceeding farther with the work of said Home, submit the question of the validity of said bond to Bros. Lindly, Humphrey, and Orendorff, for their opinion, and, that if found defective, shall cause such defects to be remedied in conformity therewith.

Unfinished business lying upon the table was now taken up for consideration.

The thirteenth report of the Committee on the State of the Order (Doc. 61, page 300) was considered and adopted.

The first report of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals (Doc. 100, pages 332 and 224) was considered and adopted.

The second report of the Committee on Legislation (Doc. 110, page 338) was considered and non-adopted.

The fourth report of same committee (Doc. 112, page 339) was considered and adopted.

The sixth report of same committee (Doc. 114, page 340) was considered and adopted.

The seventh report of same committee (Doc. 115, page 340) was considered and adopted.

The eighth report of same committee (Doc. 116, page 341) was considered and adopted.

The ninth report of same committee (Doc. 117, page 341) was considered and adopted.

The tenth report of same committee (Doc. 118, page 342) was considered and adopted.

The twentieth report of the Committee on the State of the Order (Doc. 119, page 342) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-first report of same committee (Doc. 120, page 343) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-second report of same committee (Doc. 121, page 344) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-third report of same committee (Doc. 122, page 344) was considered and adopted.

The twenty fourth report of same committee (Doc. 123, page 344) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-fifth report of same committee (Doc. 124, page 345) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-sixth report of same committee (Doc. 125, page 345) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-seventh report of same committee (Doc. 126, page 346) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-eighth report of same committee (Doc. 127, page 346) was considered and adopted.

The twenty-ninth report of same committee (Doc, 128, page 347) was considered and adopted.

The thirtieth report of same committee (Doc. 129, page 347) was considered and adopted.

The thirty-first report of same committee (Doc. 130, page 348) was considered and adopted.

The thirty-second report of same committee (Doc. 131, page 348) was considered and adopted.

The thirty-third report of same committee (Doc. 132, page 349) was considered and adopted.

The seventh report of the Committee on Printing (Doc. 138, page 354) was considered and adopted.

Bro. Mansfield, P.G.M., presented the Deed for the Old Folks' Home property, and asked that it be made a part of the record.

Document No. 189.

The grantor, John M. Hopkins, and Almira M. Hopkins, his wife, of the town of Lafayette, in the county of Coles and State of Illinois, for and in consideration of twelve thousand three hundred dollars in hand paid, convey and warrant to the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the following described real estate, to-wit: The southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section number eighteen, and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and six acres of even width off of the north side of the north half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section number nineteen (19), all in town twelve north, range eight east of the third principal meridian. It is expressly agreed that the grantor shall pay the taxes for the year 1897, and it is further expressly agreed by the grantor that the grantee and its Board of Trustees of its Old Folks' Home and their successors shall have the right and privilege to cross and enter upon the lands of the grantor for the purpose of building and constructing its tile drains into Kickapoo Creek, and shall have the use of said outlets free from interruption, situated in the county of Coles, in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the homestead exemption laws of this State.

Dated this 9th day of August, A.D. 1897.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of NELLIE G. CLARK. } JOHN M. HOPKINS, [SEAL] ALMIRA M. HOPKINS. [SEAL]

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COLES. } ss.

I, James H. Clark, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that John M. Hopkins and Almira M. Hopkins, his wife, personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and notarial seal, this 9th day of August, A.D. 1897.

JAMES H. CLARK,
[SEAL] Notary Public.

No. 3028. Warranty Deed. John M. Hopkins and Wife to Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., State of Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COLES COUNTY. } ss.

I, W. F. Purtell, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and ex-officio Recorder, within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing instrument of writing was filed for record on the 6th day of November, A. D. 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M., and duly recorded in Volume 101 of Deeds, on page 578. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the day and date aforesaid.

W. F. PURTELL,
Clerk.

Bro. Mansfield also stated that he held insurance policies covering the buildings on the property, and submitted the Bond executed by the citizens of Mattoon to the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home.

Bro. Howard, P G.M., moved that said Deed be placed upon the records of the Grand Lodge, and that said Bond be directed to be recorded in Coles County, and thereafter filed with the Grand Secretary with the abstract of title; and it was so ordered.

On motion of Bro. Mansfield, P.G.M., it was further ordered that the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, be directed to send a certificate of the election or appointment of the Trustees who executed the bond to the Recorder of Coles County, that that fact may also appear of record.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of cases in which appeals had been taken from decisions of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. For a list of appealed cases see page 171.

On motion of Rep. Merrills, of No. 650, it was ordered that each attorney be limited to ten minutes in any contested case.

Bro. T. H. Thompson, of No. 262, moved that Case No. 127—David Hecht vs. Charleston Lodge, No. 609—(Jour. 1896, page 136, and Jour. 1897, page 208) be reopened, the decision of the committee be reversed, and that said case be referred back to Charleston Lodge, No. 609, for a new trial,

with leave to introduce new evidence on both sides. The motion prevailed, and it was so ordered.

In Case No. 156 (page 193)—W. H. Herdman vs. Marion Lodge, No. 13—Bro. M. P. Berry, G. Warden, moved that the decision of the committee be reversed, and that the case be sent back to the Lodge for a new trial; and it was so ordered.

Bro. Herdman, by his attorney, asked permission to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Rep. Ellis, of No. 868, moved that permission to appeal be granted; but the motion did not prevail.

In Case No. 162 (page 190)—C. Beardsley vs. Central Park Lodge, No. 328—on motion of Bro. Howard, P.G.M., the judgment of the committee was affirmed.

Cases No. 169 and No. 170 (pages 201 and 210)—entitled respectively Remembrance Lodge, No. 77 vs. Joseph A. Landes, and J. A. Landes, et al. vs. Remembrance Lodge, No. 77—were, on motion of Bro. J. A. Landes, referred back to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

Case No. 158 (page 186)—August Schumann vs. Paul Lodge, No. 691—being under consideration,—

Rep. Clucas, of No. 119, moved that the case be referred back to the Lodge for further action; and it was so ordered.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Installation of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master requested Past Grand Masters George F. Howard and Henry Phillips to present the Grand Master-elect.

Cicero J. Lindly, of No. 3, Grand Master-elect, was presented before the chair, assumed the obligation of office, and was regularly installed Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The remaining elected Grand Officers were then severally presented and installed into their respective stations, namely:

Melvin P. Berry, of No. 412.....Deputy Grand Master.
L. L. McKinley, of No. 41 .....Grand Warden.
James R. Miller, of No. 426..... .....Grand Secretary.
Thomas B. Needles, of No. 37 .....Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master appointed the following officers, and they were installed into their respective stations:

REV. J. A. LUCAS, of No. 69 .....Grand Chaplain.
E. H. KINNEY, of No. 726 .....Grand Marshal.
JOHN R. DAVIS, of No. 4.....Grand Conductor.
C. E. WOLFE, of No. 151.....Grand Guardian.
W. H. BEAN, of No. 825.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Master announced appointments as follows:

Committee on Judiciary and Appeals—Alfred Orendorff, of No. 465, P.G.M., for five years.

Board of Directors of Orphans' Home—J. Otis Humphrey, of No. 465, G.R., for five years.

Trustee of the Old Folks' Home—Julius H. Raible, of No. 2, for five years. *Rebekah Advisory Board*—Mrs. Etta Springer, Chicago.

Bro. Rankin, P.G.M., moved that the expenses and reasonable charges of Bros. J. R. Kewley, C. F. Mansfield, P.G.M., and H. A. Stone, P.G.M., incurred by them in examining the Code at the request of the Grand Master, be paid, according to the bills of said brothers, on file in the Grand Secretary's office and O.K'd by the Grand Master, and that warrants be drawn by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary therefor.

Rep. Merrills, of No. 650, moved to amend, that the bills be paid from the appropriation for Revision of the Code.

The motion to amend was ruled out of order, and the original motion was adopted.

Bro. Needles, P.G.M., moved that no warrants be drawn upon the Grand Treasurer until there are funds in the treasury to pay the same.

Rep. Merrills, of No. 650, moved, as a substitute for said motion, that all special funds be transferred to the general fund until the first day of May, 1898, when said special funds shall be retransferred.

The substitute motion was adopted.

No further business appearing,—

On motion of Rep. Merrills, of No. 650, the Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in due form, the Grand Chaplain offering prayer and the brethren singing the Closing Ode.

James R. Miller
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.

SPECIAL SESSION.

HALL OF DALLAS LOGDE, NO. 85,
EFFINGHAM, MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1897.
9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS convened as above, pursuant to call of the Grand Master. for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees upon such qualified Past Grands as might apply therefor. Officers were present as follows:

GEORGE C. RANKIN ....Grand Master.
CICERO J. LINDLY.....Deputy Grand Master.
JAMES R. MILLER ....Grand Secretary.

and a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Master made the following *pro tem.* appointments:

HENRY A. STONE, of No. 562.....Grand Warden.
W. V. WEISE, of No. 3 ....Grand Marshal.
I. F. LOY, of No. 85 ....Grand Guardian.

Committee on Credentials—O. S. Loy, of No. 85; M. Killion, of No. 589; William Hankins, of No. 85.

The Grand Marshal examined the members present and reported them correct; after which the Grand Lodge was declared open for the transaction of business.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

First report, by Bro. M. Killion, of No. 589.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the certificates of the following-named Past Grands, and find the brothers entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree.

Name.	Lodge No.
T. Bradley	3
W. T. Easley	3
E. E. Barnes	85
Soren Johnson	85
James Edwards	85
Chas. Ackerman	85
G. F. Levitt	85
S. Snelling	85
R. T. Cummins	85
D. B. Coleman	85
J. F. Harding	85
E. C. McQuinn	114
A. J. Freeman	122
Delbut Stinson	122
Ed. Moulden	161
L. D. Roberts	347
C. C. Hamel	355
Alvin Downs	487
Frank P. Brown	562
Harry J. White	562
C. G. Sonnemann	562
R. V. Chadwick	562
J. H. Neese	604
Riley Benslay	604
John Gluck	713
J. J. Nicholson	713
Philip T. Peters	747
E. E. Howe	747
E. B. Bancroft	747
J. T. Emrich	747
Clarence Kennedy	747
L. F. Strockbine	747
Thomas Hingston	764
J. P. Tanner	764
L. C. Devore	764
J. D. Ripley	764
Peter Miller	764
M. R. Hall	869
James Hall	869
A. Agrue	869
L. Joergens	869

M. Killion,
Wm. Hankins,
O. S. Loy.

The above-named brothers were then introduced, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree—the instruction being given by Past Grand Master Stone, at the request of the Grand Master.

On motion of Bro. Stone, a recess was taken until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

1:30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its business, with Deputy Grand Master Lindly in the chair.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

Second report, by Bro. M. Killion, of No. 589.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the certificates of the following-named Past Grands, and find the brothers entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
A. A. Lambdin	134	Jacob Lyons	355
N. M. Hurley	177	W. T. Deppen	355
R. M. Hunter	177	G. A. Barber	436
J. H. Mills	177	D. E. Wickersham	436
G. B. Paugh	211	W. Y. Hays	644
George Goodall	334	J. R. Field	869

M. Killion,
O. S. Loy,
Wm. Hankins.

The brothers named were then introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The business of the special session being completed, the Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in due form.

James R. Miller,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.

SPECIAL SESSION.

HALL OF FRIENDSHIP LODGE, NO. 24.
RUSHVILLE, ILL., April 28, 1897.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS convened as above at 1:30 P. M., pursuant to call of the Grand Master, for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge and Past Official Degrees upon such qualified Past Grands as might apply therefor. Officers were present as follows:

GEORGE C. RANKIN ....Grand Master.
M. P. BERRY.....Grand Warden.
JAMES R. MILLER.....Grand Secretary.
H. T. PEMBERTON..... .....Grand Marshal.

and a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Marshal examined the members present and reported them correct; after which the Grand Lodge was declared open for the transaction of business.

The Grand Master made the following *pro tem.* appointments;

J. P. MOORE, of No. 24.....Deputy Grand Master.
M. A. O'NEIL, of No. 310.....Grand Conductor.
J. N. BERTHOLF, of No. 24.....Grand Guardian.
WM. CUNNINGHAM, of No. 24.....Grand Herald.

Committee on Credentials—George Mead, S. E. Dace, John R. Parrish, all of No. 24.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that we have examined the credentials of the following-named Past Grands, find them correct, and recommend that the brothers receive the Grand Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
James Greenup	79	W. D. Johnson	537
J. B. Aringdale	79	B. O. Willard	24
C. McCurdy	79	R. J. Kerr	24
Alex Robison	79	Maxwell Kennedy	24
Wm. Martin	79	J. M. Patterson	24
J. F. Wicha	76	J. H. Wilgus	310
A. P. McCartney	726	Chas. Reische	458
Edward Waters	726	F. M. Wilgus	458
Ed. D. Smith	70		

GEO. MEAD,
JOHN R. PARRISH,
S. E. DACE,
Committee.

The brothers named in the report were then introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree—the instructions being given by Grand Marshal Pemberton, by request of the Grand Master.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in due form.

JAMES R. MILLER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.

SPECIAL SESSION.

SENATE CHAMBER, STATE HOUSE,
SPRINGFIELD, MONDAY, SEPT, 20, 1897.

In pursuance of the proclamation of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge met in special session, for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge Degree upon qualified brothers applying therefor.

Grand Officers were present as follows:

GEORGE C. RANKIN.....Grand Master.
CICERO J. LINDLY.....Deputy Grand Master.
MELVIN P. BERRY.....Grand Warden.
JAMES R. MILLER.....Grand Secretary.
H. T. PEMBERTON.....Grand Marshal.
B. F. GRAY.....Grand Guardian.

with a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in regular form,—

The Grand Master appointed as

Committee on Credentials—Bros. Henry Dinkelman, of No. 488; Tom Wood, of No. 801; John M. Miner, of No. 308.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

First report, by Bro. H. Dinkelman, of No, 488.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows: We have examined the credentials of the following-named Past Grands, and find the brothers entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No	Name.	Lodge No.
Peter Jessen	147	Charles Purkapile	123
Geo. A. Anthony	128	Robert Lockridge	543
Geo. F. Cecil	450	Chas. A. Gish	543
D. D. Lamb	199	Chas. Schnur	15
S. E. Perkins	128	B. Lyon	488
W. S. Ross	483	B. Brekstone	488
Geo. M. Whitney	123	J. O. Berggren	479
Henry Husman	123	S. G. Brown	717
S. R. Hudnall	735	J. C. Mote	626
F. G. Hart	114	J. Geo. Downie	440
Isaac B. Betts	114	W. M. Caldwell	141
P. E. Franklin	6	Jasper Grinstead	6
Chas. J. Hutcherson	123	W. H. Beardin	543

Fraternally.

H. DINKELMAN,
TOM WOOD,
J. M. MINER,
Committee.

All of the above-named brothers were then introduced, obligated, and received the Grand Lodge Degree.

On motion of Grand Secretary Miller, a committee of three was appointed to notify and invite to the Grand Lodge in Special Session, a number of distinguished brethren from other jurisdictions.

The committee having performed the duty assigned them,

The Grand Master introduced to the Grand Lodge the visiting brothers, as follows:

F. H. Betton, J. A. Campbell and J. S. Collins, of Kansas; H. L. Neall and H. J. Wright, of Philadelphia; W. A. DeBusk and N. Koenig, of Colorado; E. H. Stevenson, of Arkansas; C. E. Mack, of Nevada; R. Scott and T. J. Stites, of Oregon; James Crossan, of British Columbia.

Remarks were made by Bros. Neall, Mack, Wright, Crossan, Betton, Collins, Stites, Scott, P.G. Master Stone, G.Sec'y Miller, G.Warden Berry, and D.G. Master Lindly.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, and was closed in due form.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21, 1897.
9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Rankin in the chair.

Present—G. Warden Berry, G. Sec'y Miller, G. Marshal Pemberton, and G. Guardian Gray, with a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the Grand Master appointed Bro. C. E. Wolfe, of No. 151, to fill vacancy on the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

Second report, by Brother Wood, of No. 801.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows:

We have examined the certificates of the following-named Past Grands, and find the brothers entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
Rudolph Koehne	261	E. E. Sibbett	240
J. E. Stanley	261	B. E. Miller	240
C. P. Damm	261	W. H. Horstman	240
M. D. Hexter	16	T. A. Jenkins	240
W. M. Danner	16	Peter Johnson	361
T. P. French	823		

TOM WOOD,
J. M. MINER,
C. E. WOLFE,
Committee.

The brothers in waiting were introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in due form.

JAMES R. MILLER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.

SPECIAL SESSION.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., NOV. 16, 1897.

In pursuance of the proclamation of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge met in Special Session in Representatives' Hall, State House, on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 3:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of passing on credentials and conferring the Grand Lodge Degree.

Grand Officers were present as follows:

GEORGE C. RANKIN ..... Grand Master.
CICERO J. LINDLY ..... Deputy Grand Master.
M. P. BERRY ..... Grand Warden.
JAMES R. MILLER ..... Grand Secretary.
REV. R. H. MCHENRY ..... Grand Chaplain.
H. T. PEMBERTON ..... Grand Marshal.
WILLIS MELVILLE ..... Grand Conductor.
B. F. GRAY ..... Grand Guardian.
L. V. RESSEGUIE ..... Grand Herald.

and a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Marshal, with assistants appointed by the Grand Master, examined the members present and reported all correct.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer, after which the Grand Lodge was proclaimed duly opened for the transaction of the special business for which it was convened.

Certificates of brothers in waiting were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following reports, which were severally considered and adopted.

First report, by Bro. Samuel E. Erickson, of No. 479.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that we have examined the credentials of Representatives to the Grand Lodge, and find the following-named brothers the duly accredited Representatives from their respective Lodges for the full term of two years, viz:

Representative.	Lodge No.	Representative.	Lodge No.
Geo. H. Colonius	1	Jno. H. Sawdon	73
Albert L. Bone	3	D. R. Anderson	75
Louis Grimm	5	O. Beebe	77
A. L. Hews	7	Wm. Martin	79
Wm. R. Moulding	9	W. A. Marvin	81
Edward G. Baker	11	Elza Hatfield	83
D. N. Goddard	13	Wm. Hankins	85
Geo. B. Roller	15	Walter Roman	87
Daniel H. Dildine	17	Geo. S. McLean	89
H. L. Rodgers	19	F. P. Hardy	91
Ed. J. Powers	21	James A. Stice	93
Chas. E. Enz	23	W. R. Wills	95
Henry A. Risser	25	Guy Blanchard	97
J. W. Jackson	27	Geo. Wise	99
Jno. Krater	29	Chas. Bennett	101
D. P. Gray	31	C. K. Parvin	103
H. A. Doan	33	James Maitland	105
J. H. Walterick	35	Jno. Pearson	107
H. H. Reither	37	O. B. Champney	109
O. B. Anderson	39	J. A. Goble	111
L. A. Williams	41	Thomas Doidge	113
H. F. Nather	43	H. C. Thorn	115
W. H. Young	45	C. W. Steward	117
E. E. Kenyon	47	W. J. Clucas	119
H. J. Mangrum	49	F. W. Lukeman	121
D. K. Houghton	51	Henry Burfeind	123
Ed. J. Vaughn	53	Bluford Heavner	125
Fred. Call	55	J. W. Fletcher	127
Wm. Roseman	57	C. J. Parker	129
Isaac N. Roland	61	Jno. R. Colburn	131
J. S. Burt	63	J. E. Mitchell	133
James H. Gregor	65	Thomas R. Anderson	135
D. T. Griffin	67	A. L. Pixley	137
M. M. McNeill	69	F. A. Ingalls	139
H. A. Brinkman	71	D. R. Goudie	141

Representative.	Lodge No.
S. A. Murdock	143
S. P. Brewster	145
H. M. Ferrell	147
W. B. List	149
D. A. Temple	151
W. S. Hartley	153
L. P. Larson	155
J. A. Williams	157
E. K. Kane	159
Henry Watts	161
P. S. Hoskins	163
James Kogan	169
Robt. McCulloch	171
P. Swartz	173
James W. McDonald	175
S. T. Bradley	177
J. V. Spindel	179
Benj. Ade	181
D. C. Collins	183
Wm. M. Hale	185
M. E. Jones	187
Wm. Poynton	189
Saml. M. Blades	191
Joseph Wiegand	193
R. L. Wylder	195
James W. Allaben	197
C. M. Turner	199
E. F. Adams	201
B. A. Griffith	203
Geo. A. Seeley	205
T. H. McKinstry	207
T. R. Ricker	209
G. B. Paugh	211
J. H. Gauger	213
Wm. S. Omer	215
F. W. Jackson	217
Fred. Grassle	219
Henry Braumoeller	221
Chas. D. Baughman	223
Ira W. Mullen	225
Frank R. Stublefield	227
Wm. C. Mardis	229
Chas. Novak	231
J. N. Baird	233
Ansel Gould	235
Alexander Funkhouser	237
Jno. Erfert	239
Jno. M. Hewes	241
A. C. Baldwin	243
T. J. Armstrong	245
E. G. Harris	247
Philo Bell	249
S. H. Rees	251
A. M. Jones	253
James W. Thorpe	255
C. Grosinski	257
Chas. F. Spofford	259
Rudolph Koehne	261
F. M. Herzog	263
Seth S. Noble	265
Joseph Bedford	267
A. L. Slater	269
Albert C. Ebert	271
J. R. Murvin	273
Isaac N. Ward	275
W. N. Barney	277
R. A. Richards	279
J. P. Nielsen	281
J. P. Foster	283
James Eccles	285
Wm. Pond	287
Theodore F. Huffman	289
C. E. Kirkpatrick	291
J. E. Caswell	293
Jno. Hartwig	295
John L. Kirkpatrick	297
C. R. Hunt	299
Wm. Bowman	301
Fred Dorfler	303
Chas. H. Damaske	305
W. L. Newton	307
W. C. Bollman	309
Jesse Kent	311
Jacob Walter	313
W. S. Taylor	315
A. D. Phillips	317
James Matthews	319
Phil. C. Schweitzer	321
W. H. Hocker	323
J. B. Runyon	325
Robt. Holly, Jr.	327
Conrad Bachmann	329

Representative.	Lodge No.
Henry M. Cohen	331
Harry King	333
E. A. Lyon	335
A. J. Morris	337
H. H. Postlewait	339
Meyer Hexter	341
W. A. Ridge	343
Nicholas Scheid	345
C. M. Peters	347
T. D. Crozzar	349
Chas. Brown	351
Gustav Burkhardt	353
Jacob Lyons	355
E. Long	357
Geo. Carpenter	359
Knute Johnson	361
Geo. W. Mills	363
Louis C. Specht	365
Jno. Ebbert	367
David Allen	369
Frank Bethel	371
J. A. Long	373
O. S. Young	375
Wm. Meyer	377
T. S. Halstead	379
J. H. Fisher	381
A. C. Warren	383
Berthold H. Rhein	385
Fred. Munsell	387
E. F. Martens	389
Jerry Westwood	391
John W. Vancleve	393
Peter Schaubert	395
Cyrus Bristol	397
Wm. J. Jones	401
Jno. A. Bender	403
Rolla B. Thompson	405
Jno. Ludwig	407
W. H. Babcock	409
E. Wohlers	411
J. R. Bennighoff	413
A. T. Fuller	415
L. T. Hamilton	417
H. G. Hodge	419
J. E. Deterding	421
Wm. R. Tripp	423
I. H. Scott	425
Robt. T. Kelly	427
Andrew Dystrup	429
H. P. Gibbs	431
J. R. Webber	433
V. H. Wettig	435
J. F. Welson	439
H. O. Barnes	441
Thos. F. Hyde	443
Jos. W. Wright	445
Atherton Cooke	447
Christopher P. Stafford	449
George Schuchman	451
S. N. Markel	455
G. H. Morris	457
James Galloway	459
Chas. Baxmann	461
J. B. Hopkins	463
Ward M. Carter	465
F. W. Baeslau	467
James Barr	469
C. F. Perry	471
R. H. Schindler	473
Robt. L. Chaney	475
Henry Graf	477
Geo. S. Oleson	479
J. D. McLane	481
Lee Passwaters	483
W. A. McBeth	485
B. F. Ervin	487
C. D. Henderson	489
F. F. Frazee	491
Edward E. Fischer	493
Peter Barr	495
Louis Banschbach	497
Henry Depke	499
F. C. Best	501
A. Gates White	503
Rudolf Gipp	505
Chas. Scheffel	507
Wm. Rorke	509
H. T. Austin	511
Geo. W. Robinson	513
W. H. Fenton	515
Wm. H. Clark	517
H. N. Kudsk	521

Representative.	Lodge No.
I. L. Mantonya	523
J. Frank Mariner	525
D. F. King	527
R. G. Johnston	529
August Blettner	531
Troy J. Smith	533
Jno. Krile	535
R. B. Bradley	537
F. W. Mollmann	539
J. F. Stephenson	541
C. A. Gish	543
John M. Briggs	545
L. G. Schien	547
Geo. Ely, Sr	549
H. L. B. Mason	551
Samuel B. Adams	553
Arthur Oehler	555
Harvey Gall	557
Jno. A. Hoffmann	559
Fred. Braun	561
Simeon Harris	563
Chas. Good	565
Chas. Jacobus	567
M. VanGelder	569
J. T. Warsham	571
Jno. A. Leonard	573
J E. Trekell	575
C. L. Eby	577
C. L. Wilcox	579
W. H. Coufer	581
Otto C. Johnson	583
C. T. Bliss	585
W. W. Burdsall	587
M. Killion	589
Chas. Kilgore	591
J. M. Gibbon	593
Lawrence Tankersley	595
John P. Thompson	597
Chas. E. Wheeler	599
Spencer Ward	601
Geo. W. Collings	603
W. A. Graham	605
E. J. Cobb	607
F. W. Troutman	609
S. Whitehead	611
Adolph I. Goldberg	613
J. D. Reid	615
A. A. Sharp	617
Oliver M. Ober	619
D. R. Stone	621
U. G. Koons	623
James R. Horn	625
J. T. Corbin	627
Jno. McCrea	629
F. H. Lowe	631
C. W. McVey	633
J. G. Slater	635
Geo. Lawson, Jr	637
Geo. R. Freak	639
S. A. Ketchum	641
Calvin S. Thomas	643
M. G. Miller	645
D. L. Hicks	647
Bernhard Mueller	649
A. D. Leamon	651
Thos. M. Stansbury	653
Dan E. Gregory	655
J. B. Brown	657
C. W. Johnson	659
W. S. Duff	661
D. B. Link	663
I. R. Gardner	665
J. E. Garman	667
Frank Frey	669
C. E. Pague	671
W. W. Strong	673
Jacob Breckenmaker	675
W. T. Wirick	677
Wm. McGahey	679
W. C. Roodhouse	681
Abraham Cormick	683
A. B. Barker	685
F. E. Florey	687
J. G. Beck	689
Edmund R. Polk	693
Lewis Herold	697
J. G. Schuman	699
James Kelley	703
Walter Watterson	705
Christ Weidler	707
O. M. Foltz	709
Edward Gallagher	711

Representative.	Lodge No.
J. J. Nicholson	713
H. W. Langstaff	715
Saml. G. Brown	717
R. M. Smith	719
J. W. Allison	721
C. B. Harrison	723
H. E. Shepherd	725
J. M. Allyn	727
S. J. Pulley	731
J. W. Reynolds	733
Samuel Mathers	735
Sidney Bagley	737
Henry Umbarger	739
P. A. Cunningham	741
Jas. Melvin	743
Frank W. Kasher	745
Jno. F. Emrick	747
R. W. Creech	749
Wm. Kinsey	751
J. P. Casteel	753
Henry Hinds	757
J. C. Kabrick	759
C. G. Stovall	761
Milton S. Bolender	763
James Steele	765
L. Z. Pierce	767
Frank Dewey	769
Geo. Marland	771
S. G. Walker	773
E. P. McMurran	775
Z. T. Burns	777
F. J. King	779
Jno. A. Pool	781
T. T. Jones	783
Simon R. Graves	785
Chas. H. Duncan	787
James M. Butler	789
James Watts	791
Wm. R. White	793
Walter M. Vaughan	795
Tom Wood	801
J. H. Colver	803
Wm. Esken	805
James T. Wright	807
Jno. A. Campbell	809
J. B. McDowell	811
Thos. Wearmouth	813
Hy C. Ost	815
Alvin H. Hawes	817
C. A. Drury	819
Samuel C. Oxford	821
J. S. French	823
H. A. Sylvester	825
Wm. Moulic	827
Samuel Wright	829
R. McMillan	831
J. C. Wilson, Sr.	833
J. M. Cochennour	835
Clerk Tilbury	837
Geo. Ohse	839
Wm. F. Ginter	841
W. H. Riley	843
Andrew Cook	845
Wm. Von Riddern	847
Jno. Nelch	849
J. W. Hunter	851
A. W. Knight	853
C. J. Sandlin	855
L. A. Busic	857
J. H. Cline	859
H. M. Stokes	861
W. M. Boaz	863
H. G. Schneider	867
J. S. Zimmerle	865
Louis Joergens	869
Herbert Newton Chute	871
Jno. A. Kutz	873
Jno. Parker	875
A. J. Dougherty	877
W. N. Eisele	881

We also find correct the credentials of the following-named brothers, as Representatives of their respective Lodges for one year, they having been elected to fill vacancies, or from new Lodges:

Representative.	Lodge No.
M. F. Shannon	10
O. F. Taylor	66
E. W. Lamon	104
P. E. Crowder	146
T. A. Jenkins	240
Hugh M. Cox	244
E. P. Easterday	250
H. C. Paxton	270
George W. Lowden	296
A. Alphonso	306
Walter E. Lawler	308
George C. Dunbar	310
G. W. Zimmerman	312
F. B. Kemp	314
W. H. Gilliam	340
Wm. R. Coultas	356
E. M. Stricklin	386
Emil Hentschel	388
W. G. Parkins	404
Joseph Helfrich	412
Luther J. Betts	422
D. D. Carlton	448
W. F. Allen	458
M. H. Pearce	472
T. F. Henry	476
A. Danheiser	490
C. G. Olson	518
Thomas Post	520
George A. Jones	522
B. F. Hartman	586
Louis Sheets	588
E. J. Smith	606
Ira A. Serene	612
J. C. Mote	626
A. A. Moore	644
George Kirkpatrick	656
Harry Daniels	662
Ed. L. Hagler	676
J. A. McDonald	686
A. C. Bartlett	690
Otto Brail	698
A. N. Banes	706
Edward Waters	726
E. W. Dickson	730
Henry Voss	766
J. E. Leach	796
J. C. Grammer	798
Eli McLane	802
Israel Fireman	822
William O. Walker	838
H. B. Harwood	840
Herbert Marshall	842
Milo McMillan	844
J. G. Thompson	872
Thomas M. Miller	874
Daniel D. Purcell	876
Francis E. Ball	878

SAMUEL E. ERICKSON,
W. H. HALL,
ISAAC GOLDEN.

Second report, by Bro. W. H. Hall, of No. 46.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named brothers have presented proper credentials as Past Grands, and are entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.
John H Hawley	3
W. D. Zimmerman	3
A. D. Ross	3
G. W. Marshall	3
E. M. Gullick	3
R. S. McMorine	21
A. M. Berry	26
Thomas Cole	41
H. J. Votaw	65
J. L. Brown	105
W. V. McKinstry	207
John Buchmuellier	282
John Dick	282
T. B. Pile	314
H. S. Liming	314
J. T. Kelly	328
Fred J. Keiper	342
Z. Trost	354
E. N. Gundy	441
J. F. McLennan	465
A. E. Chase	511
L. E. Vanfliet	550
J. D. Campbell	647
Theo. Dill	681
L. A. Relaford	753
George Hunt	774
B. F. Reynolds	822
J. H. Crowder	849
John Welch	849

W. H. Hall,
Samuel E. Erickson,
Isaac Golden.

Third report, by Bro. Erickson, of No. 479.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named brothers have presented proper credentials as Past Grands, and are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.
W. A. McNeill	3
John F. Dunham	6
H. G. Jones	13
Joseph Combs	43
Chas. O. Harper	124
A. L. Jones	336
Alfred Cauvins	416
Alfred O'Connor	454
G. H. News	454
Edward Lichtig	465
H. N. Drury	500
M. C. Starrett	513
B. F. Reichard	524
Wm. Baker	608
Wm. C. Smith	658
Wm. H. Bush	674
Robt. B. Bowers	746
Harry Van Gundy	809
L. J. Galbraith	863

W. H. Hall,
Samuel E. Erickson,
Isaac Golden.

Fourth report, by Bro. Isaac Golden, of No. 822.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named brothers have presented proper Past Grands' certificates, and are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:

Fame.	Lodge No.
Jas. W. Price	4
N. A. Lundquist	51
F. A. Michaels	170
L. A. S. Myers	237
Richard Perkins	243
W. J. Marcum	243
A. H. Sutherland	260

Name.	Lodge No.
C. E. Brown	289
Chas. Langmann	353
C. P. Whetstone	362
Andrew Lundborg	575
B. M. Baldwin	576
Edward Nygaard	766
J. L. Sutton	770

W. H. Hall,
Samuel E. Erickson,
Isaac Golden.

New members in waiting were then introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The business of the session being concluded,—

On motion, the Special Session adjourned *sine die*, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

James R. Miller,
Grand Secretary.

Appointive Officers and Committees for 1898.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.	Title.
Rev. J. A. Lucas	Gibson City	Lodge No. 69	Grand Chaplain.
E. H. Kinney	Table Grove	Lodge No. 726	Grand Marshal.
John R. Davis	Jacksonville	Lodge No. 4	Grand Conductor.
C. E. Wolfe	Flora	Lodge No. 151	Grand Guardian.
W. H. Bean	Woodl'wn P'k.	Lodge No. 825	Grand Herald.

ORPHANS' HOME DIRECTORY.

Name.	Residence.	No of Lodge.	Term.
T. B. Needles, P.G.M.	Nashville	Lodge No. 37	One year.
J. W. Yantis	Shelbyville	Lodge No. 117	Two years.
W. R. Humphrey	Chicago	Lodge No. 240	Three years
E. S. Conway, G.R	Oak Park	Lodge No. 217	Four years.
J. O. Humphrey, G.R	Springfield	Lodge No. 465	Five years.

REBEKAH ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Name.	Residence.	Term.
Mrs. Helen M. Baldwin	Mattoon	One year.
Mrs. Esther Woods, P.P	Springfield	Two years.
Mrs. Kate A. Troxell, P.P	Canton	Three years.
Mrs. Sophia Niemeyer	Chicago	Four years.
Mrs. May D. Stone, P.P	Vandalia	Five years.

TRUSTEES OF THE OLD FOLKS' HOME.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.	Term.
W. R. Jewell	Danville	Lodge No. 69	One year.
H. A. Stone, P.G.M	Vandalia	Lodge No. 562	Two years.
Chas. M. Lytle	Decatur	Lodge No. 186	Three years.
C. F. Mansfield, P.G.M	Mansfield	Lodge No. 589	Four years.
Julius H. Raible	Alton	Lodge No. 2	Five years.

REBEKAH ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Name.	Residence.	Term.
Mrs. Catherine Hoefer	Chicago	One year.
Mrs. Irene Reeve	Decatur	Two years.
Mrs. Jennie A. Ticknor	Rockford	Three years.
Mrs. Nellie L. Harris, P.P	Chicago	Four years.
Mrs. Etta M. Springer	Chicago	Five years.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND APPEALS.

Name.	Residence.	No. Lodge.	Term.
R. W. S. Wheatley, P.G.M.	DuQuoin	Lodge No. 232	One year.
Wm. Schuchert, P.G.R.	Chester	Lodge No. 57	Two years.
Henry Phillips, P.G.M	Virginia	Lodge No. 68	Three years.
C. B. Samson	Chicago	Lodge No. 440	Four years.
Alfred Orendorff, P.G.M.	Springfield	Lodge No. 465	Five years.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Name.	Residence.	No of Lodge.
Samuel E. Erickson	Chicago	Lodge No. 479.
W. H. Hall	Edwardsville	Lodge No. 46.
Isaac Golden	Chicago	Lodge No. 822.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
M. W. Schaefer, P.G.M	Belleville	Lodge No. 650.
J. L. Barnum, P.G.M	Chicago	Lodge No. 9.
W. F. Holt	Aurora	Lodge No. 870.
A. M. Houser	Chicago	Lodge No. 613.
J. J. Brown	Vandalia	Lodge No. 122.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
George F. Howard, P.G.M	Paris	Lodge No. 664.
F. Bross, P.G.M	Cairo	Lodge No. 224.
H. C. Feltman, P.G.R	Salem	Lodge No. 114.
F. W. Latimer	Abingdon	Lodge No. 184.
D. R. Anderson	Morris	Lodge No. 75.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
Jacob Krohn	Freeport	Lodge No. 239.
D. J. Harrison	Chicago	Lodge No. 288.
W. V. Weise	Greenville	Lodge No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON REBEKAH DEGREE.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
Henry A. Stone, P.G.M	Vandalia	Lodge No. 562.
S. W. Grubb	Galesburg	Lodge No. 478.
R. H. Pepper	Seaton	Lodge No. 780.

COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

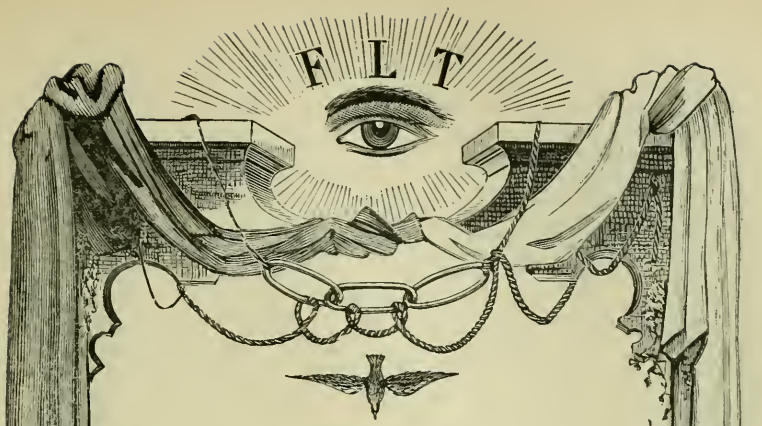
Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
N. D. Calkins	Irving Park	Lodge No. 190.
Carl Lager	Geneseo	Lodge No. 172.
H. W. Pemberton	Galatia	Lodge No. 433.
C. P. Miller	Oak Park	Lodge No. 217.
Edward Craig	Albion	Lodge No. 352.
Tom Wood	Princeton	Lodge No. 801.
J. Wilson Jones	McLeansboro	Lodge No. 191.
Theo. Weberling	Peru	Lodge No. 34.
James Eccles	Red Bud	Lodge No. 285.
A. M. Jones	Milford	Lodge No. 253.

COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge
F. J. Heinl	Jacksonville	Lodge No. 243.
Alonzo Ellwood, P.G.M	Sycamore	Lodge No. 105.
C. D. Brainard	Peoria	Lodge No. 21.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

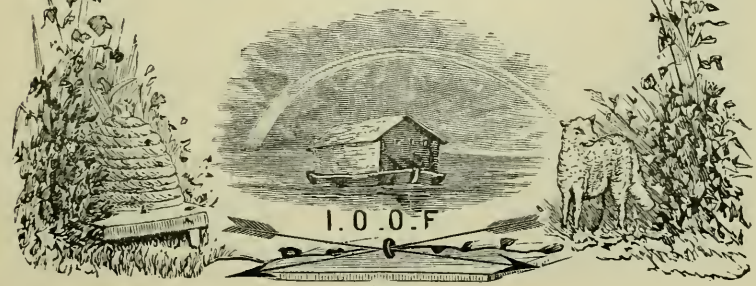
Name.	Residence.	No of Lodge.
John R. Camp	Bushnell	Lodge No. 322.
J. R. Kewley	Chicago	Lodge No. 450.
Sven Windrow	Chicago	Lodge No. 812.
H. Dinkelman	Chicago	Lodge No. 488.
George W. Cyrus	Camp Point	Lodge No. 215.

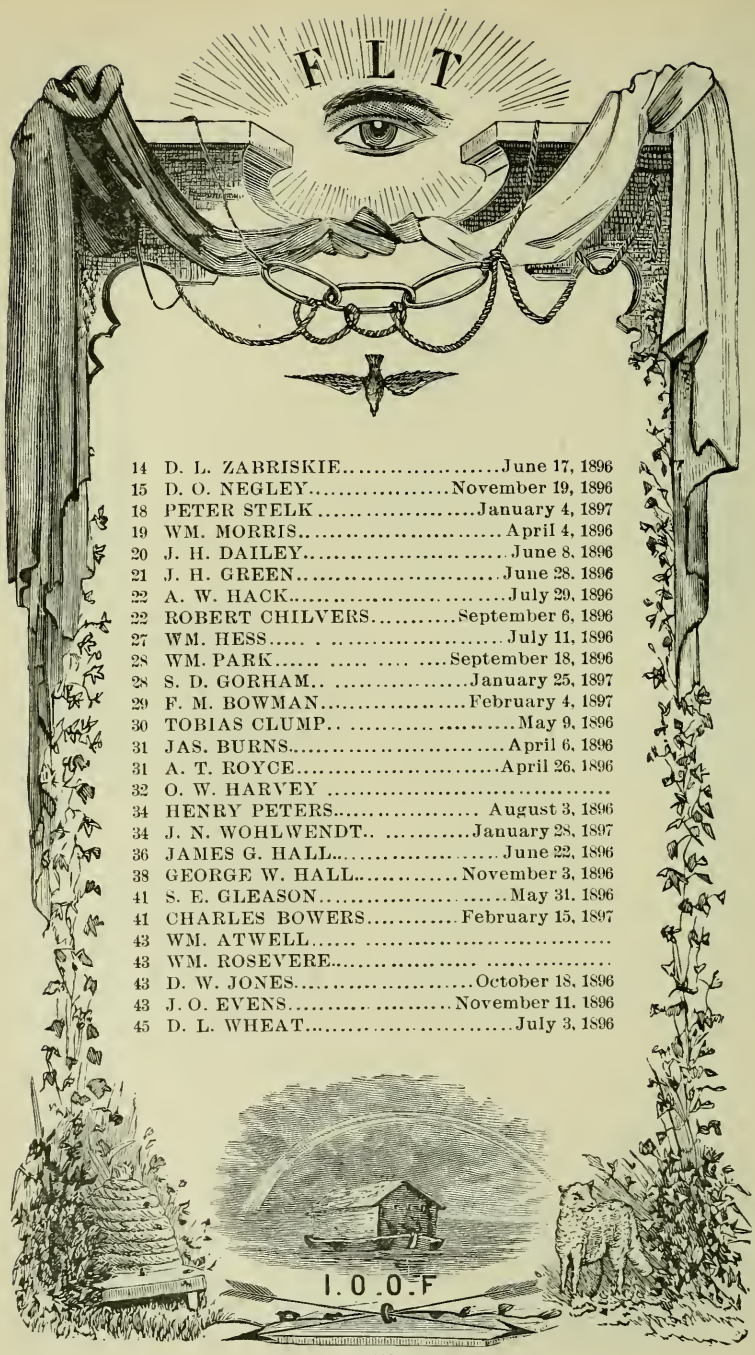


DEATHS

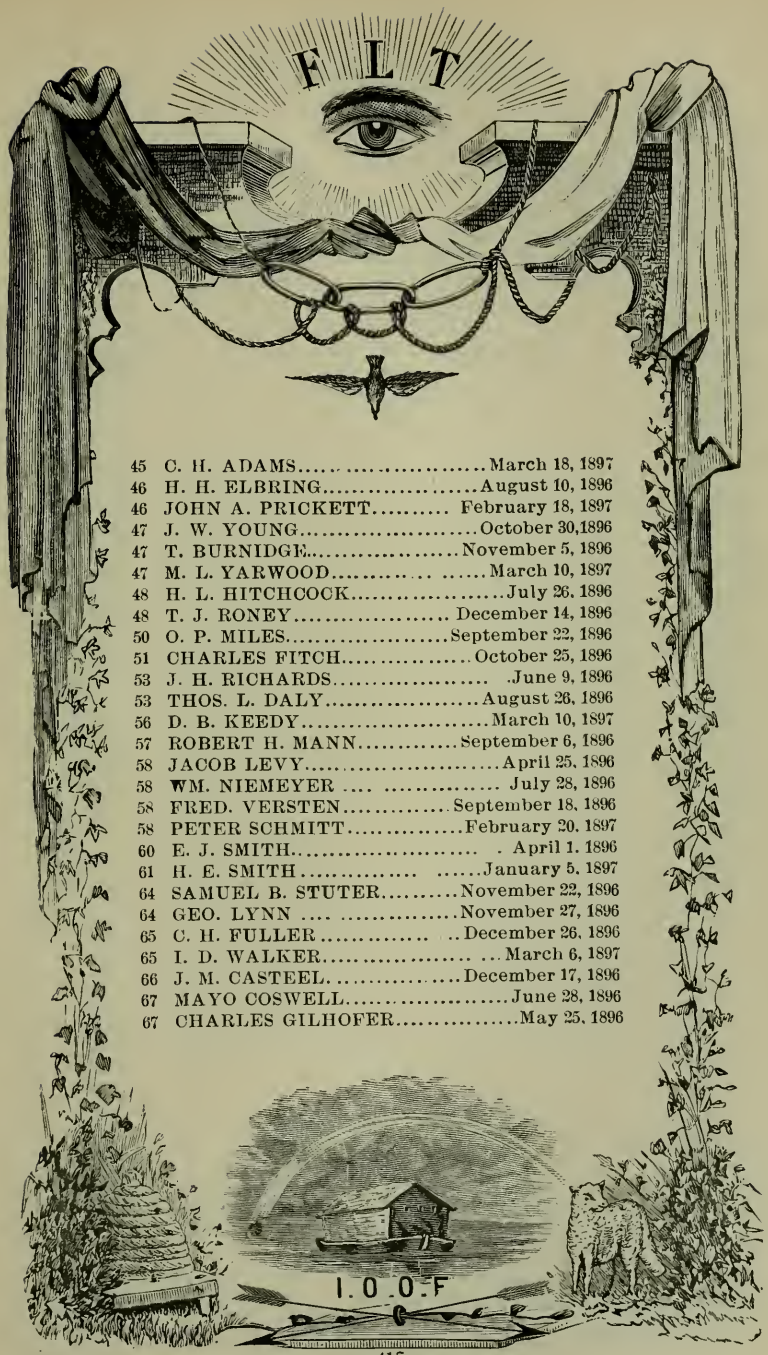
LIST OF DEATHS FROM APRIL 1, 1896 TO APRIL 1, 1897

No	Name	Date
1	H. M. FILLEY	November 16, 1896
2	WM. OHLY	July 20, 1896
2	CHARLES REINHOLD	February 12, 1897
4	JOHN C. McAHAN	June 26, 1896
4	GEORGE GILLIAM	November 15, 1896
4	JOEL GOODRICK	November 25 1896
4	S. M. MARLIN	February 7, 1897
5	W. F. O'HARA	July 14, 1896
5	J. B. PARKINS	July 28, 1896
6	A. J. EHMANN	November 10, 1896
7	WM. WHITHAM	November 30, 1896
8	H. J. MELENDY	October 29, 1896
9	E. W. SODERSTROM	September 3, 1896
10	PAUL SCHAEFER	September 4, 1896
11	JOHN NELSEN	October 25, 1896
12	PHILIP THOMAS	June 6, 1896
12	STEPHEN SCHAFFNER	August 13, 1896
12	J. F. GUNSE	September 13, 1896
13	H. W. SEIMER	April 5, 1896
13	JOHN GIBSON	October 31, 1896

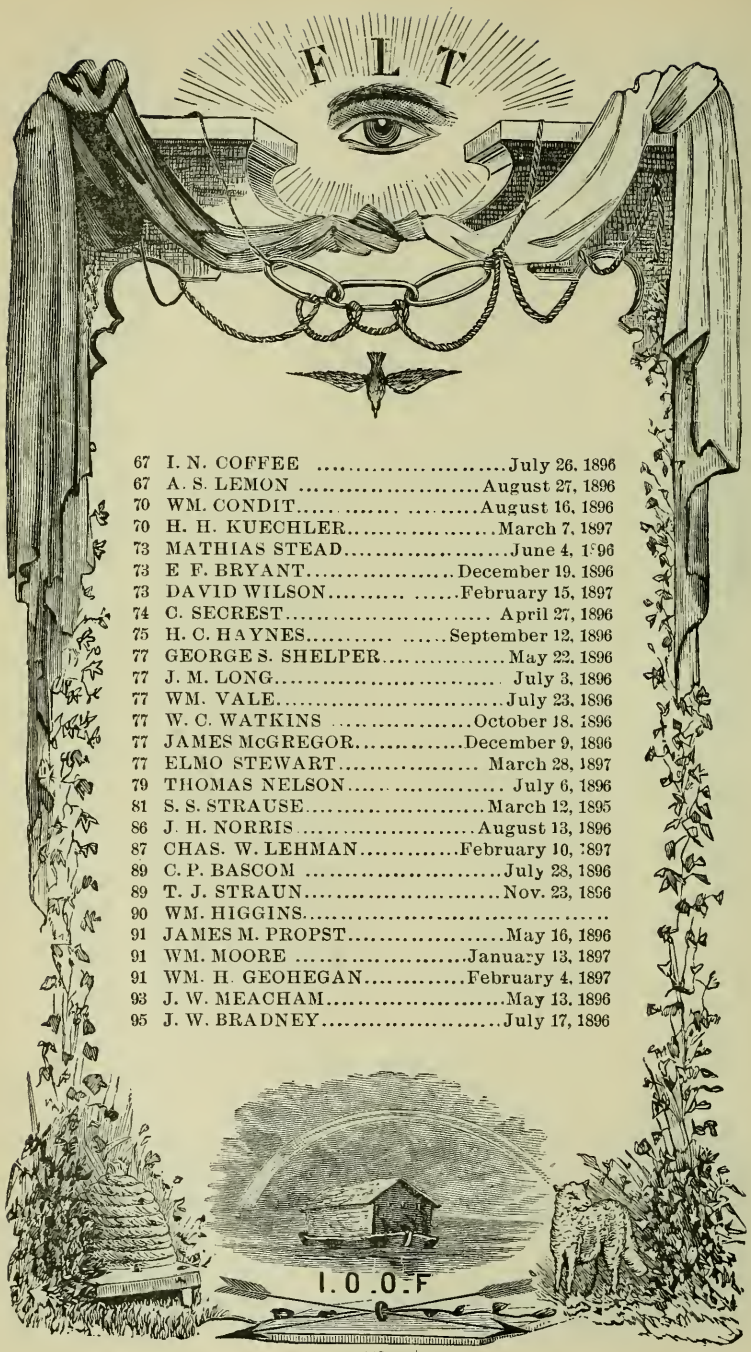




14	D. L. ZABRISKIE	June 17, 1896
15	D. O. NEGLEY	November 19, 1896
18	PETER STELK	January 4, 1897
19	WM. MORRIS	April 4, 1896
20	J. H. DAILEY	June 8, 1896
21	J. H. GREEN	June 28, 1896
22	A. W. HACK	July 29, 1896
22	ROBERT CHILVERS	September 6, 1896
27	WM. HESS	July 11, 1896
28	WM. PARK	September 18, 1896
28	S. D. GORHAM	January 25, 1897
29	F. M. BOWMAN	February 4, 1897
30	TOBIAS CLUMP	May 9, 1896
31	JAS. BURNS	April 6, 1896
31	A. T. ROYCE	April 26, 1896
32	O. W. HARVEY	
34	HENRY PETERS	August 3, 1896
34	J. N. WOHLWENDT	January 28, 1897
36	JAMES G. HALL	June 22, 1896
38	GEORGE W. HALL	November 3, 1896
41	S. E. GLEASON	May 31, 1896
41	CHARLES BOWERS	February 15, 1897
43	WM. ATWELL	
43	WM. ROSEVERE	
43	D. W. JONES	October 18, 1896
43	J. O. EVENS	November 11, 1896
45	D. L. WHEAT	July 3, 1896



45	C. H. ADAMS	March 18, 1897
46	H. H. ELBRING	August 10, 1896
46	JOHN A. PRICKETT	February 18, 1897
47	J. W. YOUNG	October 30,1896
47	T. BURNIDGE	November 5, 1896
47	M. L. YARWOOD	March 10, 1897
48	H. L. HITCHCOCK	July 26, 1896
48	T. J. RONEY	December 14, 1896
50	O. P. MILES	September 22, 1896
51	CHARLES FITCH	October 25, 1896
53	J. H. RICHARDS	June 9, 1896
53	THOS. L. DALY	August 26, 1896
56	D. B. KEEDY	March 10, 1897
57	ROBERT H. MANN	September 6, 1896
58	JACOB LEVY	April 25, 1896
58	WM. NIEMEYER	July 28, 1896
58	FRED. VERSTEN	September 18, 1896
58	PETER SCHMITT	February 20, 1897
60	E. J. SMITH	April 1, 1896
61	H. E. SMITH	January 5, 1897
64	SAMUEL B. STUTER	November 22, 1896
64	GEO. LYNN	November 27, 1896
65	C. H. FULLER	December 26, 1896
65	I. D. WALKER	March 6, 1897
66	J. M. CASTEEL	December 17, 1896
67	MAYO COSWELL	June 28, 1896
67	CHARLES GILHOFER	May 25, 1896



67	I. N. COFFEE	July 26, 1896
67	A. S. LEMON	August 27, 1896
70	WM. CONDIT	August 16, 1896
70	H. H. KUECHLER	March 7, 1897
73	MATHIAS STEAD	June 4, 1896
73	E F. BRYANT	December 19, 1896
73	DAVID WILSON	February 15, 1897
74	C. SECREST	April 27, 1896
75	H. C. HAYNES	September 12, 1896
77	GEORGE S. SHELPER	May 22, 1896
77	J. M. LONG	July 3, 1896
77	WM. VALE	July 23, 1896
77	W. C. WATKINS	October 18, 1896
77	JAMES McGREGOR	December 9, 1896
77	ELMO STEWART	March 28, 1897
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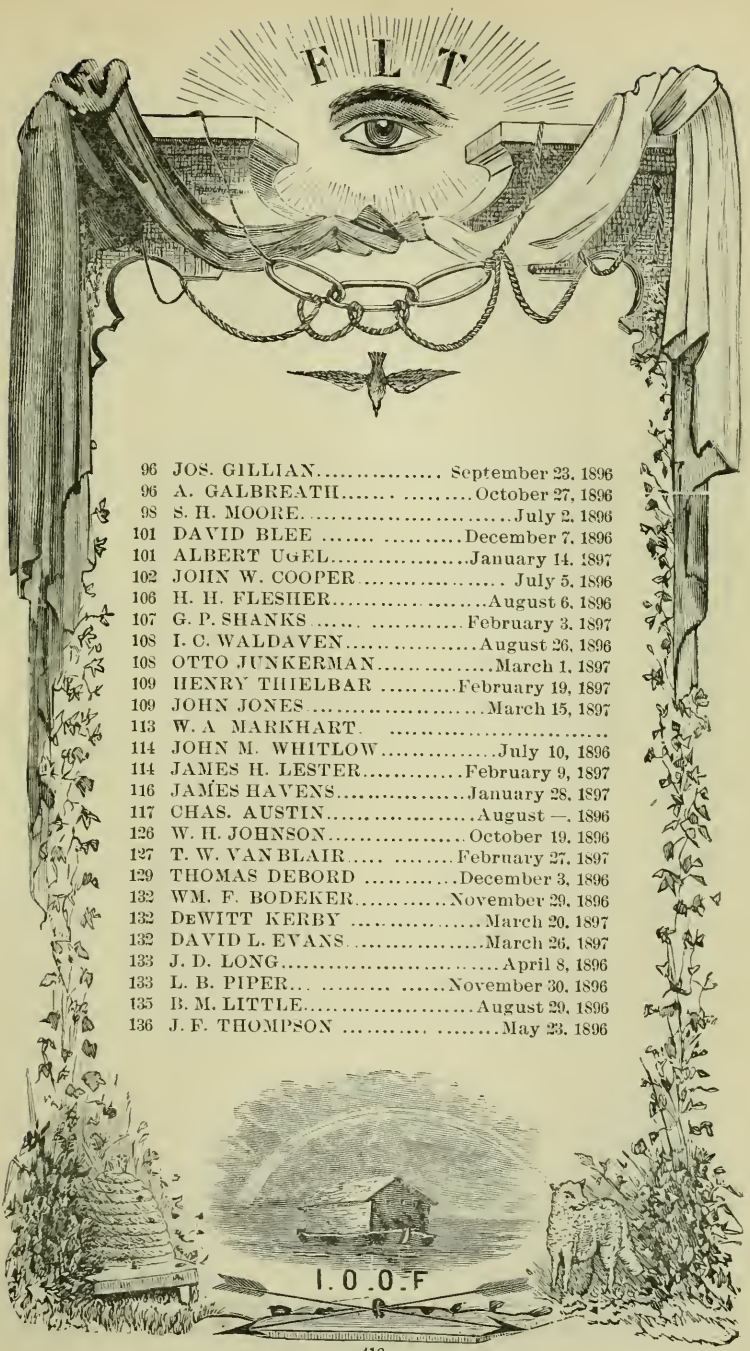

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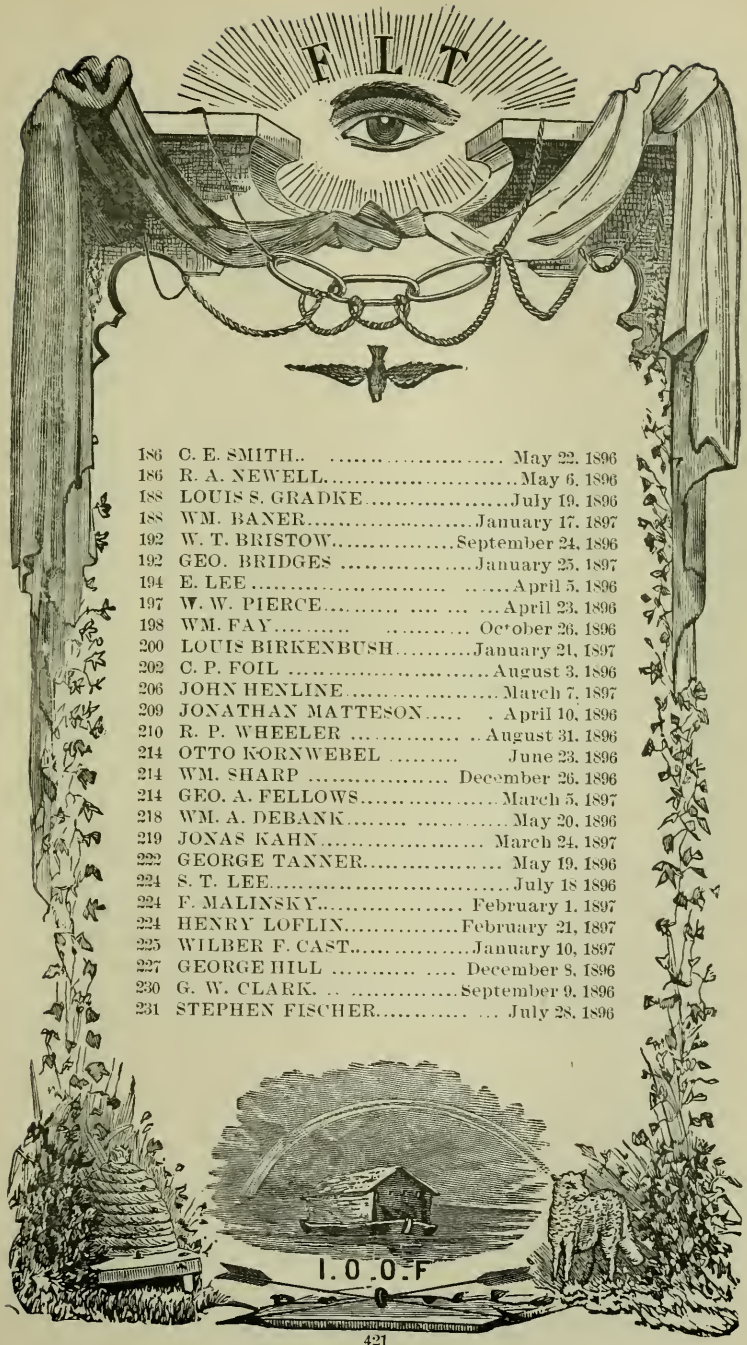

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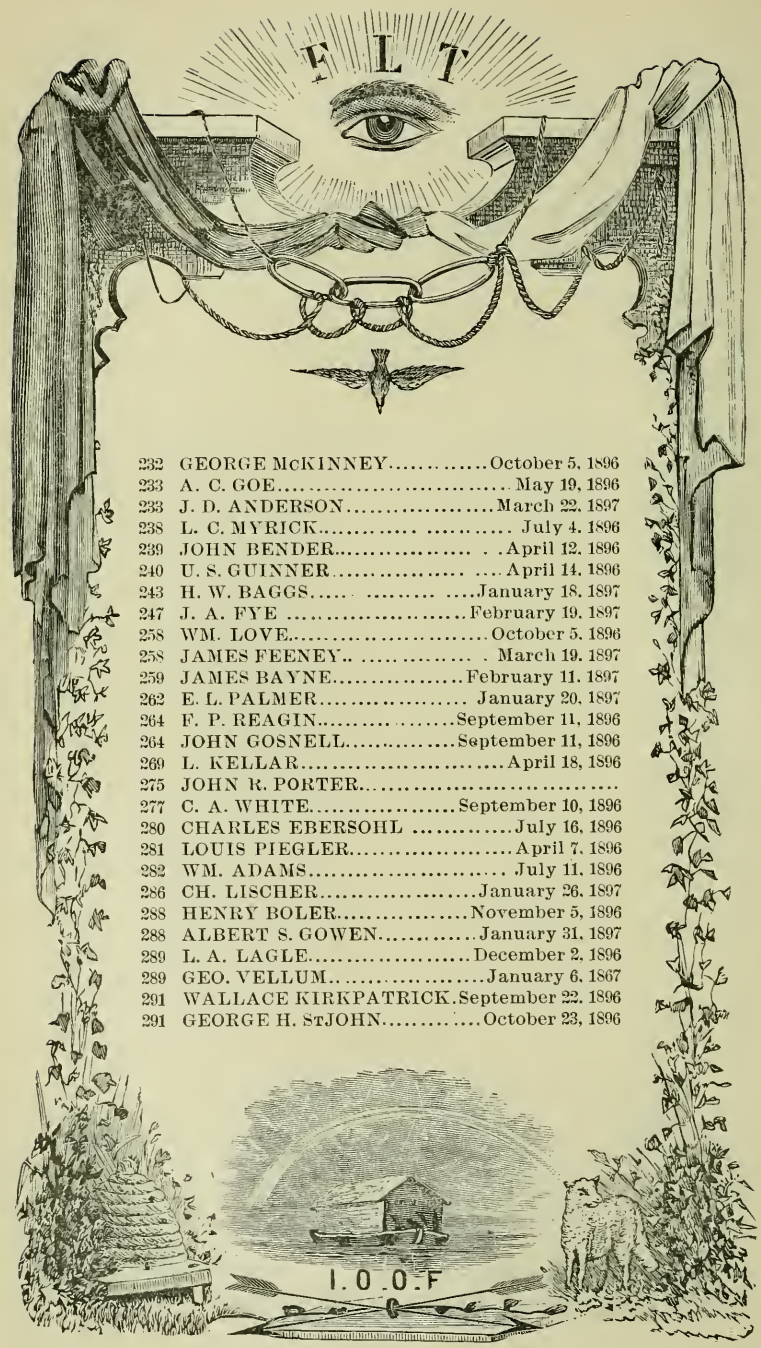

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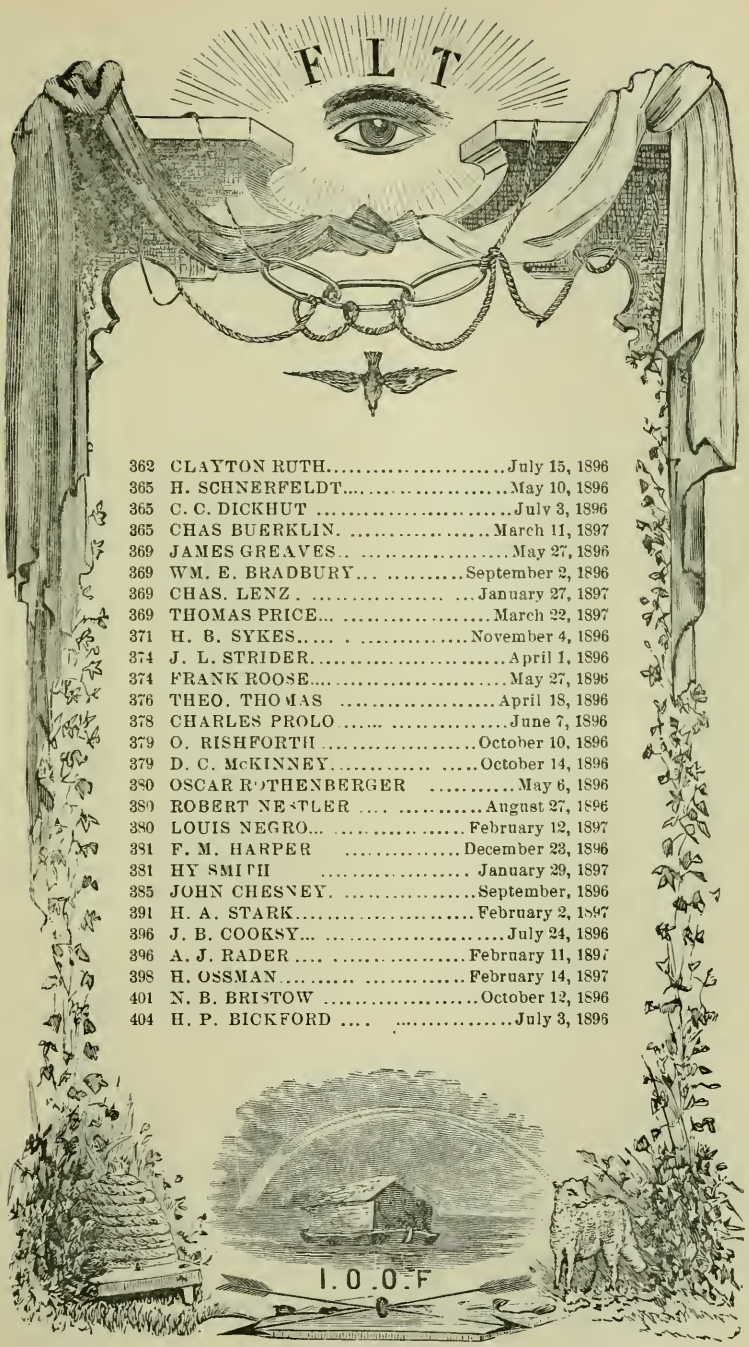

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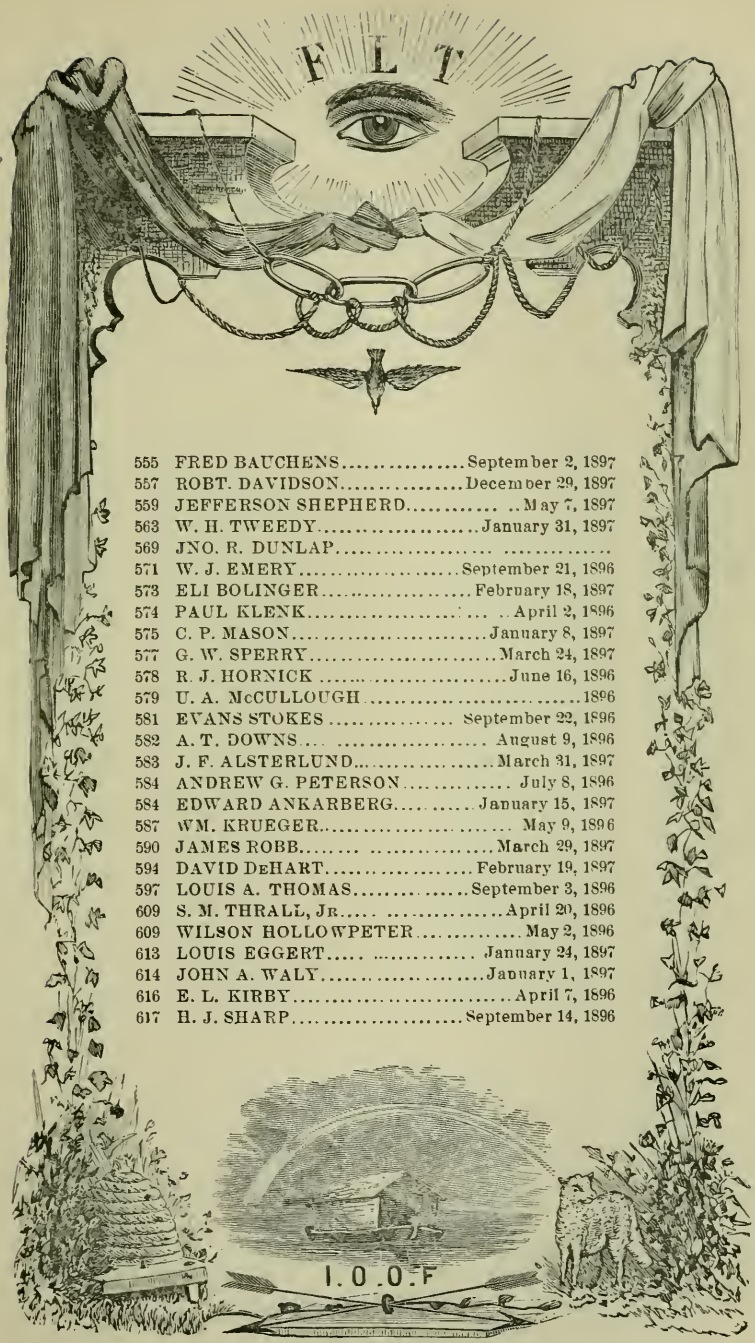

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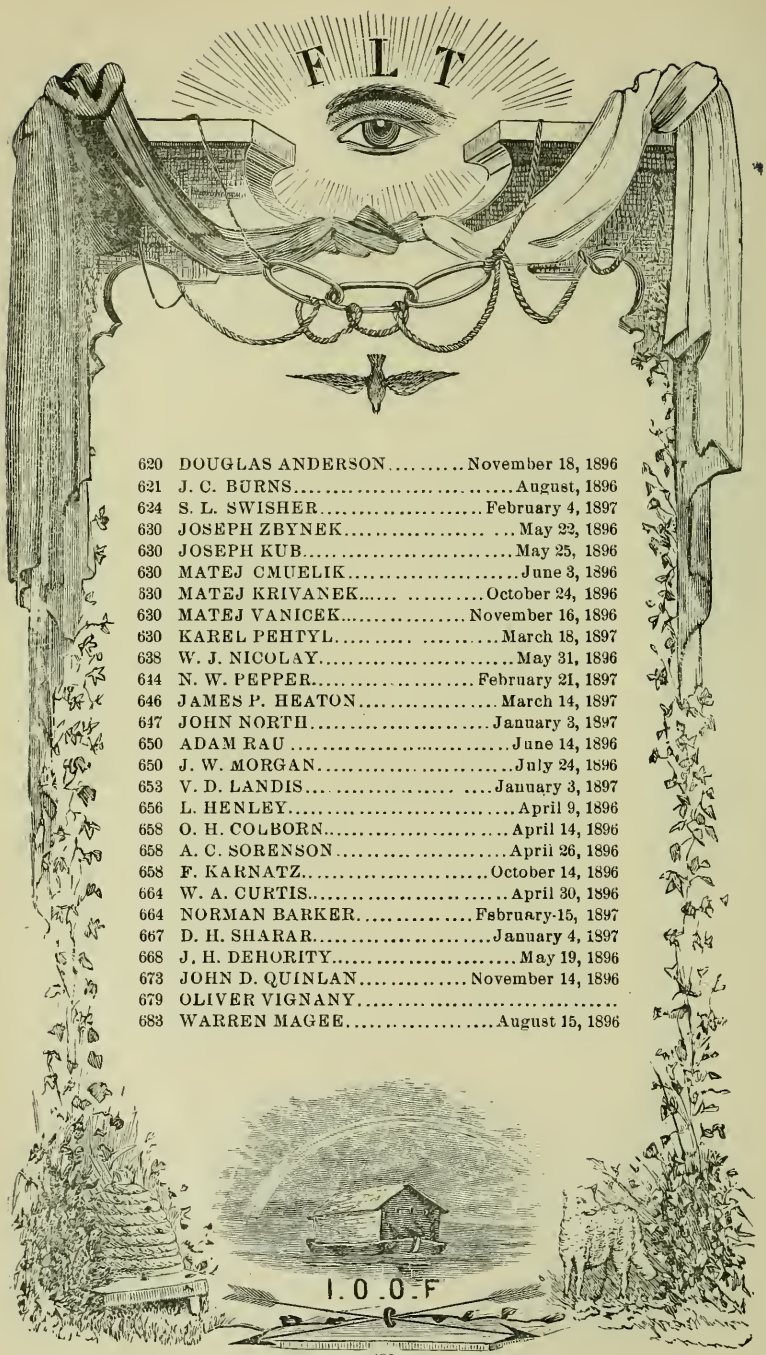

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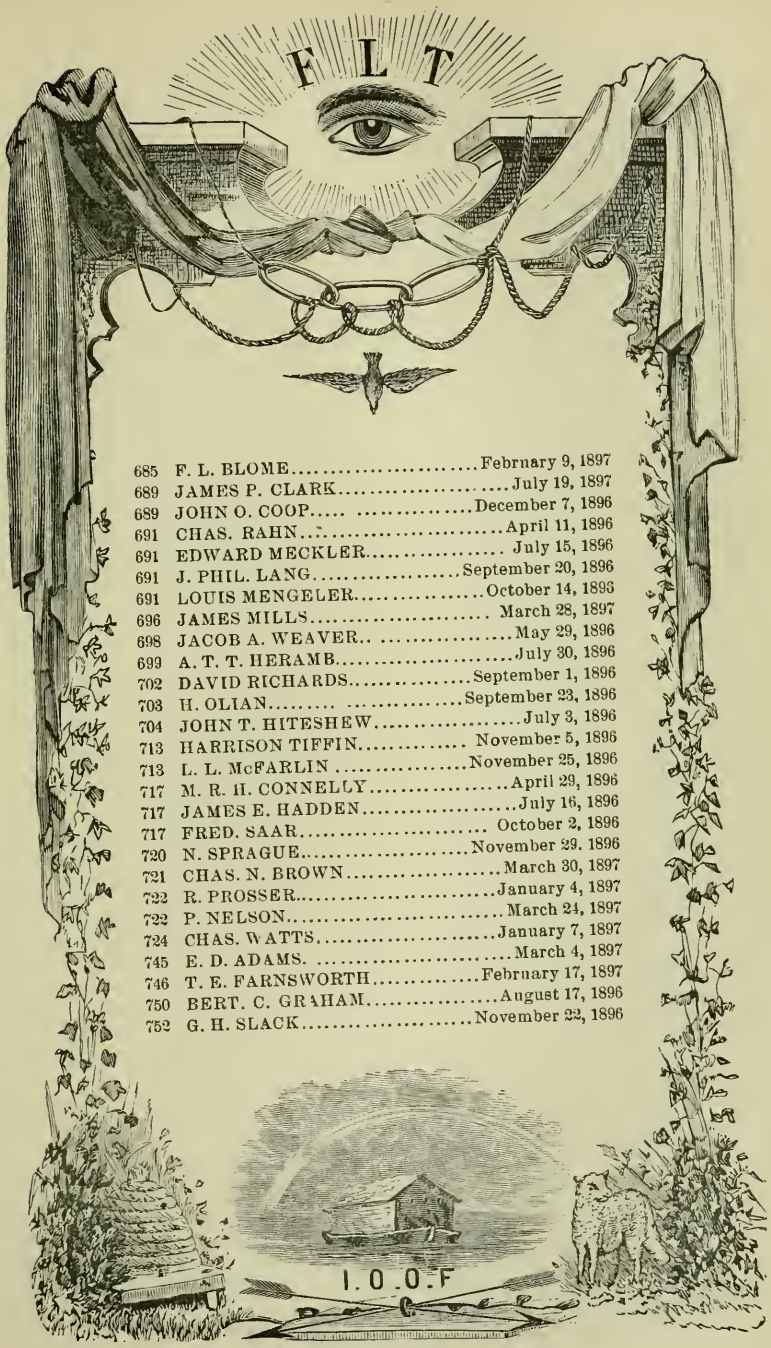

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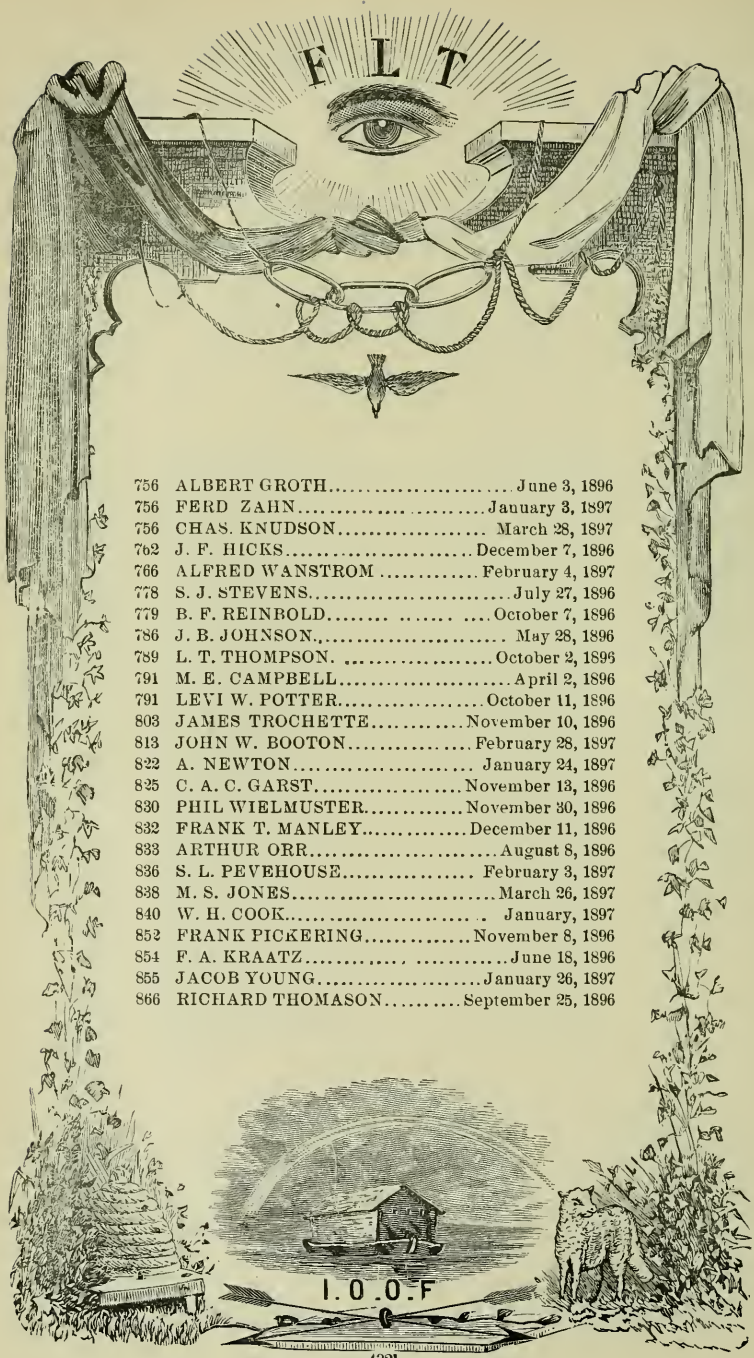

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855	JACOB YOUNG	January 26, 1897
866	RICHARD THOMASON	September 25, 1896

EXPULSIONS.

List of Members Expelled from April 1, 1896, to April 1, 1897.

No.	Name.	Date.
6	Wm. A. Thomson	Aug. 25, 1896
6	Geo. M. Stretch	Oct. 13, 1896
6	Charles F. Kerl	Dec. 1, 1896
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12	George G. Smith	June 23, 1896
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20	W. E. McClure	Oct. 3, 1896
67	Will Himes	Nov. 11, 1896
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93	G. J. Fleming	June 18, 1896
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132	Dan'l McLaughlin	Mar. 20, 1897
133	George Lief	Sept. 11, 1896
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489	John Hayden	Jan. 23, 1897
491	T. E. Lammey	Oct. 6, 1896
504	W. T. Moore	July 18, 1896
515	Thos. Sayers	Oct. 30, 1896

No.	Name.	Date.
521	Sam Springer	Dec. 15, 1896
525	R. J. Burton	April 16, 1896
534	Chas. E. Wyatt	March 23, 1897
542	H. T. Preston	May 15, 1896
547	Edson Ryder	April 25, 1896
552	J. R. Hull	Aug. 22, 1896
554	G. W. Thrush	March 3, 1897
556	John Pyle	March 22, 1897
558	Thos. Brownfield	June 11, 1896
565	Joseph Mettler	Oct. 20, 1896
571	John C. Smith	Aug. 15, 1896
571	M. E. Collier	Dec. 5, 1896
583	C. E. Lindell	July 6, 1896
613	Samuel Felsenthal	Sept. 7, 1896
621	John Lemley	Jan. 16, 1897
638	S. Reed	Dec. 10, 1896
638	G. M. Whiteman	March 18, 1897
652	Wm. A. Chiddix	Aug. 8, 1896
659	Jacob Ramey	March 12, 1897
661	Wm. Miller	Nov. 12, 1896
664	Chas. Ricketts	April 22, 1896
672	F. D. Lewis	Jan. 16, 1897
683	Wm. Cowell	Oct. 27, 1896
691	Louis Gerlach	Aug. 20, 1896
691	Aug. Schuman	Feb. 11, 1897
692	F. Brandburg	May 23, 1896
692	J. V. McMorris	Dec. 26, 1896
706	W. B. Rose	Sept. 26, 1896
745	Geo. Bright	
761	James Archer	June 3, 1896
781	Philip Henson	Oct. 2, 1896
782	E. B. Hoover	March 17, 1897
785	E. E. Floyd	May 19, 1806
787	James E. Miller	June 15, 1896
789	J. C. Hubbard	June 25, 1899
794	R. M. Chatham	May 1, 1896
814	Jos. Ryan	June 22, 1896
816	John Morrow	Oct 3, 1896
820	A. M. Pelletier	Jan. 14, 1897
825	Chas. J. Grattan	Oct. 28, 1896
827	Alfred Rury	
827	L. B. Minter	Feb. 24, 1897
831	Geo. F. Anderson	Aug. 31, 1896
835	D. J. Martin	June 27, 1896
847	Julius Winter	July 13, 1896
857	Richard E. Chow	Aug. 21, 1896

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GRAND OFFICERS.									
Geo. C. Rankin, G. M.	160	Monmouth	Warren	116	15	4	$6 96	$12 00	$18 96
C. J. Lindly, D. G. M.	3	Greenville	Bond	77	15	4	4 62	12 00	16 62
M. P. Berry, G. War.	412	Carthage	Hancock	114	15	4	6 84	12 00	18 84
Jas. R. Miller, G. Sec.	426	Springfield	Sangamon	....	16	3	.....	.....	.....
T. B. Needles, G. Treas.	37	Nashville	Washington	121	16	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
E. S. Conway, G. Rep.	217	Oak Park	Cook	193	16	3	11 58	9 00	20 58
J. O. Humphrey, G. Rep	465	Springfield	Sangamon	....	16	3	.....	9 00	9 00
Rev. R. H. McHenry, G. Chap	591	Biggsville	Henderson	128	16	3	7 68	9 00	16 68
H. T. Pemberton, G. Mar.	24	Rushville	Schuyler	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
Willis Melville, G. Con.	693	LaGrange	Cook	199	16	3	11 94	9 00	20 94
B. F. Gray, G. Guar.	476	Raymond	Montgomery	47	16	3	2 82	9 00	11 82
L. V. Resseguie, G. Her.	718	Batavia	Kane	174	16	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
REPRESENTATIVES.									
Geo. H. Colonius	1	Alton	Madison	72	16	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Anton Kremer	2	Alton	Madison	72	16	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Albert L. Bone	3	Greenville	Bond	77	16	3	4 62	9 00	13 62
John R. Davis	4	Jacksonville	Morgan	34	16	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
Louis Grimm	5	Galena	Jo Daviess	234	16	3	14 64	9 00	23 04
Charles R Coon	6	Springfield	Sangamon	....	16	3	.....	9 00	9 00
A. L. Hewa	7	Canton	Fulton	70	16	3	4 20	9 00	13 20
J. W. Martin	8	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	0 00	20 10
Wm. R. Moulding	9	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
M. F. Shannon	10	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Edward G. Baker	11	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. Smith Cruttenden	12	Quincy	Adams	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
D. N. Goddard	13	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	124	16	3	7 44	9 00	16 44
C. A. Day	14	St. Charles	Kane	179	16	3	10 74	9 00	19 74
G. B Roller	15	Canton	Fulton	70	16	3	4 20	9 00	13 20
W. D. Epler	16	Beardstown	Cass	46	16	3	2 76	9 00	11 76
Daniel H. Dildine	17	Galena	Jo Daviess	234	16	3	14 04	9 00	23 04
Peter Schlemmer	18	Rock Island	Rock Island	156	16	3	9 36	9 00	18 36
H. L. Rodgers	19	Equality	Gallatin	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Henry Allison	20	Birds	Lawrence	147	16	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
Ed. J. Powers	21	Peoria	Peoria	74	16	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
John Lorentz	22	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Charles Enz	23	Lockport	Will	152	16	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
J. Paul Moore	24	Rushville	Schuyler	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
Henry A. Risser	25	Troy	Madison	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
Fred Schneiter	26	Berry	Sangamon	10	16	3	60	9 00	9 60
J. W. Jackson	27	Waterloo	Monroe	116	16	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
F. M. Leach	28	Belvidere	Boone	195	16	3	11 70	9 00	20 70
John Krater	29	Joliet	Will	147	16	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
Geo. E. White	30	Freeport	Stephenson	197	16	3	11 82	9 00	20 82
D. P. Gray	31	Rockford	Winnebago	208	16	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
W. L. McFarland	32	Fairfield	Wayne	129	16	3	7 74	9 00	16 74
H. A. Doan	33	Elizabeth	Jo Daviess	237	16	3	14 22	9 00	23 22
Theo. Weberling	34	Peru	La Salle	121	16	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
J. H. Walterick	35	Mt. Carmel	Wabash	163	16	3	9 78	9 00	18 78
Frank J Mateker	36	Quincy	Adams	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
H. A. Reither	37	Nashville	Washington	121	16	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
Henry Kelling	38	Carlyle	Clinton	105	16	3	6 30	9 00	15 30
O. B. Anderson	39	Dixon	Lee	161	16	3	9 66	9 00	18 66
L. D. Osborn	40	Hillsboro	Montgomery	54	16	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
L. A. Williams	41	Ottawa	La Salle	118	16	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
Willis G Holmes	42	Town of Lake	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
H. F. Nather	43	Collinsville	Madison	104	16	3	6 24	9 00	15 24
S. P Wood	44	Farmington	Fulton	82	16	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
W. H. Young	45	Aurora	Kane	167	16	3	10 02	9 00	19 02
John Childs	46	Edwardsville	Madison	74	16	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
E. E. Kenyon	47	Elgin	Kane	191	16	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
S. C. Sutton	48	Pekin	Tazewell	64	16	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
H. J. Mangrum	49	Chapin	Morgan	44	16	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
Harry Edwards	50	Mt. Carroll	Carroll	208	16	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
D. K. Houghton	51	Lewistown	Fulton	57	16	3	3 42	9 00	12 42
E. G. Fair	52	Sparta	Randolpe	147	16	3	8 82	9 00	17 82

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		Town.	County.						
Ed. J. Vaughn	53	Jerseyville	Jersey	68	16	3	$4 08	$9 00	$13 08
L. F. Twitchell	54	Elizabethtown.	Hardin	202	16	3	12 12	9 00	21 12
Fred Call	55	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. C Keedy	56	Mt. Morris	Ogle	192	16	3	11 52	9 00	20 52
Wm Roseman	57	Chester	Randolph	169	16	3	10 14	9 00	19 14
John Kleinschmidt	58	Chicago .	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. A. Lemmers	60	Woodstock	McHenry	212	16	3	12 72	9 00	21 72
Isaac N. Roland	61	Freeport	Stephenson	197	15	4	11 82	12 00	23 82
A. B. Adams	62	Georgetown	Vermilion	118	16	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
J. S. Burt	63	Henry	Marshall	108	16	3	6 48	9 00	15 48
Chas. L. Blundell	64	Marshall	Clark	131	16	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
James H. Gregor	65	Decatur	Macon	38	16	3	2 28	9 00	11 28
O. F. Taylor	66	Magnolia	Putnam	113	16	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
D. T. Griffin	67	Cairo	Alexander	213	16	3	12 78	9 00	21 78
Chas. E. Paul	68	Virginia	Cass	33	16	3	1 98	9 00	10 98
M. M. McNeill	69	Danville	Vermilion	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
Karl Miller	70	Winchester	Scott	54	16	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
H. A. Brinkman	71	Warsaw	Hancock	131	16	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
J. F. Willey	72	Versailles	Brown	65	16	3	3 90	9 00	12 90
J. H. Sawdon	73	Griggeville	Pike	65	16	3	3 90	9 00	12 90
Geo. F. Gregory	74	Watseka	Iroquois	126	16	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
D. R. Anderson	75	Morris	Grundy	140	16	3	8 40	9 00	17 40
Joseph Stoner	76	Perry	Pike	64	16	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
Oliver Beebe	77	Bloomington	McLean	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
F. F. Fouts	78	Ellisville	Fulton	82	16	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
Wm. Martin	79	Vermont	Fulton	70	16	3	4 20	9 00	13 20
A. W. Pierce	80	Harvey	Cook	173	16	3	10 38	9 00	19 38
W. A. Marvin	81	Naperville	DuPage	171	16	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
T. L. Morrison	82	Concord	Morgan	48	16	3	2 88	9 00	11 88
Elza Hatfield	83	Naples	Scott	55	16	3	3 30	9 00	12 30
J. F. Sites	84	Columbus	Adams	101	16	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Wm. Hankins	85	Effingham	Effingham	87	16	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
Robert N. Smith	86	Metropolis	Massac	220	16	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
Walter Roman	87	Nameoki	Madison	89	16	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
Albert M. Jenkins	88	Lacon	Marshall	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Geo. S. McLean	89	Princeton	Bureau	137	16	3	8 22	9 00	17 22
Moses Kershaw	90	Charleston	Coles	92	16	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
F. P. Hardy	91	Paris	Edgar	111	16	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
C. P. Henderson	92	Arcadia	Morgan	40	16	3	2 40	9 00	11 40
James A. Stice	93	Waverly	Morgan	25	16	3	1 50	9 00	10 50
Stephen Pankhurst	94	Oregon	Ogle	187	16	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
W. R. Wills	95	Pittsfield	Pike	76	16	3	4 56	9 00	13 56
T. H. Maxfield	96	Toulon	Stark	110	16	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
Guy Blanchard	97	Tamaroa	Perry	127	16	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
H. D. Cary	98	Clinton	DeWitt	44	16	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
Geo. Wise	99	Grayville	White	174	16	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
T. C. Smith	100	Clayton	Adams	85	17	2	5 10	6 00	11 10
Chas. Bennett	101	La Salle	LaSalle	120	16	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
Joseph N. Powell	102	Elmwood	Peoria	89	16	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
C. K. Parvin	103	Smithfield	Fulton	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....
A. W. Lamon	104	Waynesville	DeWitt	45	16	3	2 70	9 00	11 70
James Maitland	105	Sycamore	DeKalb	174	16	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
Allen Miller	106	Hutsonville	Crawford	143	16	3	8 58	9 00	17 58
John Pearson	107	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Geo. D. Sherwin	108	Centralia	Marion	100	16	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
O. B. Champney	109	Peoria	Peoria	74	16	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
J. A. Goble	111	Potomac	Vermilion	109	16	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
A. M. Moore	112	Astoria	Fulton	63	16	3	3 78	9 00	12 78
Thomas Doidge	113	Cheltenham	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John Lieni	114	Salem	Marion	106	16	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
H. C. Thorn	115	Bridgeport	Lawrence	148	16	3	8 88	9 00	17 88
Ed. E. Elstun	116	Greenup	Cumberland	103	16	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
C. W. Steward	117	Shelbyville	Shelby	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
James E Taylor	118	Hennepin	Putnam	125	16	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
W. J. Clucas	119	Lebanon	St. Clair	115	16	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
Peter Van Doren	120	Fairview	Fulton	77	16	3	4 62	9 00	13 62
F. W Lukeman	121	Franklin	Morgan	31	16	3	1 86	9 00	10 86
B. F. Henry	122	Vandalia	Fayette	72	16	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Henry Burfeind	123	Petersburg	Menard	21	16	3	1 26	9 00	10 26

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Thos. S. Price	124	Robinson	Crawford	135	16	3	$8 10	$9 00	$17 10
Buford Heavner	125	Pearl	Pike	66	16	3	3 96	9 00	12 96
John F. Case	126	Farmer City	DeWitt	62	16	3	3 72	9 00	12 72
J. W. Fletcher	127	Ursa	Adams	122	16	3	7 32	9 00	16 32
P. B. Keeler	128	Kewanee	Henry	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
C. J. Parker	129	Princeville	Peoria	95	16	3	5 70	9 00	14 70
Thomas G. Love	130	Wheeler	Jasper	102	16	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
John R. Colburn	131	Vandercook	Vermilion	109	16	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
P. Strawhen	132	Murphysboro	Jackson	162	16	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
J. E. Mitchell	133	Moline	Rock Island	159	16	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
C. M. Blakeman	134	Martinsville	Clark	120	16	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
Thomas R. Anderson	135	Joppa	Massac	221	16	3	13 26	9 00	22 26
P. W. Duncan	136	Lake Creek	Williamson	181	16	3	10 86	9 00	19 86
A. L. Pixley	137	West Salem	Edwards	151	16	3	9 06	9 00	18 06
David F. Jeffries	138	New Philad'a	McDonough	85	16	3	5 10	9 00	14 10
F. A. Ingalls	139	Urbana	Champaign	86	16	3	5 16	9 00	14 16
Mark Jardine	140	Rockford	Winnebago	208	16	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
D. R. Goudie	141	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
David Fuller	142	Galesburg	Knox	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
S. A. Murdock	143	Havana	Mason	46	16	3	2 76	9 00	11 76
Winfield S. Norris	144	Washington	Tazewell	78	16	3	4 68	9 00	13 68
S. P. Brewster	145	Macomb	McDonough	100	16	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
P. E. Crowder	146	Durand	Winnebago	216	16	3	12 96	9 00	21 96
H. M. Ferrell	147	Tiskilwa	Bureau	129	16	3	7 74	9 00	16 74
George M. Hamilton	148	Fulton	Whiteside	183	16	3	10 98	9 00	19 98
W. B. List	149	Leroy	McLean	71	16	3	4 26	9 00	13 26
John H Henn	150	Redmon	Edgar	102	16	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
D A Temple	151	Flora	Clay	108	16	3	6 48	9 00	15 48
C. F Kelchner	152	Armington	Tazewell	47	16	3	2 82	9 00	11 82
Walter S. Hartley	153	Little York	Warren	127	16	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
F. I. Gibson	154	Dunlap	Peoria	89	16	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
L. P. Larson	155	DeKalb	DeKalb	168	16	3	10 08	9 00	19 08
L. S. Whitcomb	156	Rio	Knox	119	16	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
J. A. Williams	157	Melvin	Ford	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
George A. Fields	158	Sullivan	Moultrie	65	16	3	3 90	9 00	12 90
E. K. Kane	159	Pinckneyville	Perry	138	16	3	8 28	9 00	17 28
Ludwig A. Warner	160	Monmouth	Warren	116	16	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
Henry Watts	161	Newton	Jasper	110	16	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
H. D. Barrows	162	Newark	Kendall	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....
P. S. Hoskins	163	Rutland	LaSalle	92	16	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
Seth Fowler	164	Savanna	Carroll	210	16	3	12 60	9 00	21 60
Geo. B. Ritter	166	Springfield	Sangamon	...	16	3	.....	9 00	9 00
.....	167	Cherry Valley	Winnebago	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....
James Beach	168	Albany	Whiteside	179	16	3	10 74	9 00	19 74
John Kogan	169	Allendale	Wabash	172	16	3	10 32	9 00	19 32
C. A Mason	170	Raritan	Henderson	110	16	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
Robert McCulloch	171	Piano	Kendall	163	16	3	9 78	9 00	18 78
Jos Dobbs	172	Geneseo	Henry	158	16	3	9 48	9 00	18 48
P. Schwartz	173	Pecatonica	Winnebago	210	16	3	12 60	9 00	21 60
Benj. Gurtisen	174	Sterling	Whiteside	171	16	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
James W. McDonald	175	Marengo	McHenry	207	16	3	12 42	9 00	21 42
W. J. Harrom	176	Atlanta	Logan	39	16	3	2 34	9 00	11 34
S T Bradley	177	Pocahontas	Bond	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
John Taylor	178	Dover	Bureau	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....
J. V Spindel	179	Centralia	Marion	100	16	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
L R Nelson	180	Olney	Richland	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Benj. Ada	181	Somonauk	DeKalb	156	16	3	9 36	9 00	18 36
E. E. Burkhart	182	Raleigh	Saline	175	16	3	10 50	9 00	19 50
D. C. Collins	183	Parnell	DeWitt	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
R. H. Harshbarger	184	Abington	Knox	99	16	3	5 94	9 00	14 94
Wm. M. Hale	185	Karber's Ridge	Hardin	200	16	3	12 00	9 00	21 00
Chas. M. Lytle	186	Decatur	Macon	38	16	3	2 28	9 00	11 28
M E Jones	187	Wheaton	DuPage	183	16	3	10 98	9 00	19 98
Frank Brusor	188	New Boston	Mercer	151	16	3	9 06	9 00	18 06
Wm Poynton	189	Carmi	White	159	16	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
Jay Jenkins	190	Irving Park	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Sam'l M. Blades	191	McLeansboro	Hamilton	149	16	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
Wm. Schelb, Sr	192	Girard	Macoupin	25	16	3	1 50	9 00	19 50
Joseph Wiegand	193	Oquawka	Henderson	139	16	3	8 34	9 00	17 34

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R. H. Pilson	194	Lena	Stephenson	210	16	3	$12 60	$9 00	$21 60
R. L. Wylder	195	Greenfield	Greene	54	16	3	3 24	9 00	12 42
Chas. Downing	196	Chillicothe	Peoria	93	16	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
James W. Allaben	197	Polo	Ogle	175	16	3	10 50	9 00	19 50
James A. Martin	198	Grand Crossing	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. M. Turner	199	Cambridge	Henry	135	16	3	8 10	9 00	17 10
Adam Kumpf	200	Pekin	Tazewell	64	16	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
E. F. Adams	201	Marseilles	LaSalle	125	16	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
Chas. S. Low	202	Litchfield	Montgomery	44	16	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
B. A. Griffith	203	Swan Creek	Warren	101	16	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Chas. E. Schaible	204	Lincoln	Logan	28	16	3	1 68	9 00	10 68
Geo. A. Seeley	205	Prairie City	McDonough	95	16	3	5 70	9 00	14 70
George W. Bishop	206	Lexington	McLean	74	16	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
T. H. McKinstry	207	Delavan	Tazewell	47	16	3	2 82	9 00	11 82
D. S. Danforth	208	Onarga	Iroquois	115	16	3	6 90	3 00	15 90
T. R. Ricker	209	Cortland	DeKalb	171	16	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
Wm. C. Porter	210	Keithsburg	Mercer	142	16	3	8 52	9 00	17 52
G. B. Pangh	211	Mason	Effingham	89	16	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
Wm. M. Carpenter	212	Sandwich	DeKalb	159	16	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
J. H. Gauger	213	Xenia	Clay	116	16	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
L. R. Batu	214	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Wm. S Omer	215	Camp Point	Adams	91	16	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
John T. Bledsoe	216	Loogootee	Fayette	87	16	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
Frederick W. Jackson	217	Oak Park	Cook	193	16	3	11 58	9 00	20 58
Frank L. McLaughlin	218	Kankakee	Kankakee	136	16	3	8 16	9 00	17 16
Fred Grassle	219	Joliet	Will	147	16	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
A. S. Standridge	220	Gillespie	Macoupin	53	16	3	3 18	9 00	12 18
Henry Braumoeller	221	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Charles E. Bidamon	222	Nauvoo	Hancock	140	16		8 40	9 00	17 40
Chas. D. Baughman	223	Avon	Fulton	98	16	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
John H. Robinson	224	Cairo	Alexander	213	16	3	12 78	9 00	21 78
Ira W. Mullen	225	Sidell	Vermilion	98	16	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
C. M. Edwards	226	Scottville	Macoupin	40	16	3	2 40	9 00	11 40
Frank R. Stubblefield	227	Whiteball	Greene	57	16	3	3 42	9 00	12 42
O. L. Higgins	228	Oneida	Knox	119	16	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
Wm. Mardis	229	Illinois City	Rock Island	171	16	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
James P. O'Brien	230	Rochelle	Ogle	184	16	3	11 04	9 00	20 04
Chas. Novak	231	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Thos. W. Davison	232	DuQuoin	Perry	136	16	3	8 16	9 00	17 16
J N. Baird	233	Carbondale	Jackson	156	16	3	9 36	9 00	18 36
Alex Ingles	234	West Jersey	Stark	113	16	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
Ansel Gould	235	Bone Gap	Edwards	158	16	3	9 48	9 00	18 48
B. F. Cullison	236	Aledo	Mercer	144	16	3	8 64	9 00	17 64
Alexander Funkhonser	237	Rantoul	Champaign	92	16	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
E. Dinkelman	238	Fernwood	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John Erfert	239	Freeport	Stephenson	197	16	3	11 82	9 00	20 82
T. A. Jenkins	240	Englewood	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John M. Hewes	241	Jonesboro	Union	184	16	3	11 04	9 00	20 04
J. W. Peavler	242	Spring Garden	Jefferson	136	16	2	8 16	6 00	14 16
A. C. Baldwin	243	Jacksonville	Morgan	34	16	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
Hugh M. Cox	244	Wyoming	Stark	104	16	3	6 24	9 00	15 24
T. J. Armstrong	245	Rossville	Vermilion	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Chas. Mauch	246	Maywood	Cook	195	16	3	11 70	9 00	20 70
E. G. Harris	247	Elcroy	Stephenson	204	16	3	12 24	9 00	21 24
Orvil L. Boswell	248	Long Prairie	Wayne	148	16	3	8 88	9 00	17 88
Philo Bell	249	Sumner	Lawrence	142	16	3	8 52	9 00	17 52
E. P Easterday	250	Monnd City	Pulaski	204	16	3	12 24	9 00	21 24
S. H. Rees	251	Belknap	Johnson	209	16	3	12 54	9 00	21 54
J. T. Palmer	252	Homer	Champaign	92	16	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
A. M. Jones	253	Milford	Iroquois	131	16	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
W. H. Johnson	254	Long View	Champaign	92	16	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
James W. Thorpe	255	Wapella	DeWitt	50	16	3	3 00	9 00	12 00
Chas. A. Walker	256	Maquon	Knox	94	16	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
C. Grosinski	257	Morrison	Whiteside	187	16	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
Herman F. Zimmerman	258	Bunker Hill	Macoupin	63	16	3	3 78	9 00	12 78
C. F. Spofford	259	Warren	Jo Daviess	220	16	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
A. Sumerin	260	Mattoon	Coles	81	16	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
Rudolph Koehne	261	Chicago	Cook	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
John Ong	262	Pontiac	Livingston	93	16	3	5 58	9 00	14 58

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		Town.	County.						
F. M. Herzog	263	Blandinsville	McDonough	107	16	3	$6 42	$9 00	$15 42
T. J. Kelly	264	DeSoto	Jackson	149	16	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
S. S. Noble	265	Bloomington	McLean	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
John A Atwood	266	Stillman Valley	Ogle	206	16	3	12 36	9 00	21 36
Joseph A. Bedford	267	Millersburg	Mercer	149	16	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
C. H. Schwartz	268	Rochester	Sangamon	7	16	3	42	9 00	9 42
A. L. Slater	269	Elsah	Jersey	87	16	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
H. C. Paxton	270	Golden	Adams	95	16	3	5 70	9 00	14 70
Albert C. Ebert	271	Colehour	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. R. Merwin	273	Bible Grove	Clay	98	16	3	5 88	9 0	14 88
J. C. Wilson	274	Moweaqua	Shelby	54	16	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
Isaac N. Ward	275	Grove City	Christian	25	16	3	1 50	9 00	10 50
Charles Taylor	276	Milmine	Piatt	48	16	3	2 88	9 00	11 88
W. N. Barney	277	Milton	Pike	70	16	3	4 20	9 00	13 20
W. T. Pierce	278	Gifford	Champaign	....	..	..	....	....	....
R A. Richards	279	Marlow	Jefferson	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Freeman King	280	Ora	Jackson	169	16	3	10 14	9 00	19 14
J. P. Nielsen	281	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
George F. Tscharner	282	Okawville	Washington	132	16	3	7 92	9 00	16 92
J. P. Foster	283	Wenona	Marshall	98	16	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
W. A. Godby	284	Benton	Franklin	155	16	3	9 30	9 00	18 30
James Eccles	285	Red Bud	Randolph	129	16	3	7 74	9 00	16 74
Otto Kilian	286	Mascoutah	St. Clair	117	16	3	7 02	9 00	16 02
Wm. Pond	287	Liberty	Adams	103	16	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
D J. Harrison	288	Chicago	Cook	....	..	..	....	....	....
Theodore F. Huffman	289	Arcola	Douglas	77	16	3	4 62	9 00	13 62
H. B. Bull	290	Fairbury	Livingston	94	16	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
C. E. Kirkpatrick	291	Anna	Union	176	16	3	10 56	9 00	19 56
E. Schenk	292	Golconda	Pope	220	16	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
J. E. Caswell	293	Mendota	LaSalle	131	16	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
L. W. Davison	294	Earlville	LaSalle	138	16	3	8 28	9 00	17 28
J. M. Hartwig	295	Peoria	Peoria	74	16	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
George W. Lowden	296	Cabery	Ford	117	16	3	7 02	9 00	16 02
John L. Kirkpatrick	297	Brocton	Edgar	103	16	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
W. W Huxtable	298	Tonica	LaSalle	109	16	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
C. R Hunt	299	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. O. Myers	300	Mt Zion	Macon	46	16	3	2 76	9 00	11 76
Wm. Bowman	301	Wilmington	Will	....	..	..	....	....	....
James M. Alexander	302	Ashley	Washington	114	16	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
Fred Dorflr	303	Aurora	Kane	167	16	3	10 02	9 00	19 02
John Bedford	304	Coal Valley	Rock Island	144	16	3	8 64	9 00	17 64
Chas. H. Damaske	305	Bloomington	McLean	58	16	3	3 48	9 0	12 48
A. Alphonso	306	Washington	Tazewell	78	19	3	4 68	9 00	13 68
W. L. Newton	307	Elkhart	Logan	18	16	3	1 08	9 00	10 08
Walter Lawler	308	Green Valley	Tazewell	53	16	3	3 18	9 00	12 18
W. C. Bollman	309	Browning	Schuyler	55	16	3	3 30	9 00	12 30
Geo. C. Dunbar	310	Mt. Sterling	Brown	74	16	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
Jesse Kent	311	Eureka	Woodford	90	16	3	5 40	9 00	14 40
G. W. Zimmerman	312	Sparland	Marshall	101	16	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Jacob Walter	313	Enfield	White	149	16	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
F. B. Kemp	314	Maroa	Macon	51	16	3	3 06	9 00	12 06
W. S. Taylor	315	Macedonia	Hamilton	160	16	3	9 60	9 00	18 60
A. P. Beall	316	Tuscola	Douglas	71	16	3	4 26	9 00	13 26
A. D. Phillips	317	Butler	Montgomery	52	16	3	3 12	9 00	12 12
A. Seelig	318	Niantic	Macon	26	16	3	1 56	9 00	10 56
James Matthews	319	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
H. G. Woost	320	Tremont	Tazewell	69	16	3	4 14	9 00	13 14
Phil C. Schweitzer	321	Galena	Jo Daviess	234	16	3	14 04	9 00	23 04
John R. Camp	322	Bushnell	McDonough	89	15	4	5 34	12 00	17 34
W. H. Hocker	323	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	14	16	3	84	9 00	9 84
J. W. Murfin	324	Vernon	Marion	83	16	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
J. B. Runyon	325	Edgar	Edgar	110	16	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
Philip Leiner	326	Ottawa	LaSalle	118	16	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
Robert Halley	327	Blue Island	Cook	172	16	2	10 32	9 00	19 32
E. H. White	328	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Conrad Bachmann	329	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Andrew Christensen	330	Moreland	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Henry M. Cohen	331	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
F. Law	332	Nokomis	Montgomery	56	16	3	3 36	9 00	12 36

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		Town.	County.						
Harry King	333	Champaign	Champaign	84	16	3	$5 04	$9 00	$14 04
John J. Pierpoint	334	Pana	Christian	43	17	2	2 58	6 00	8 58
E. A. Lyon	335	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
E. C. Hake	336	Barry	Pike	83	16	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
A. J. Morris	337	Mason City	Mason	37	16	3	2 22	9 00	11 22
Adam J. Kraft	338	Belleville	St Clair	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
H. H. Postlewait	339	Bell Air	Crawford	126	16	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
W. H. Gilliam	340	Vienna	Johnson	203	16	3	12 18	9 00	21 18
Meyer Hexter	341	Ashland	Cass	21	16	3	1 26	9 00	10 26
Thomas Henshaw	342	Carrollton	Greene	65	16	3	3 90	9 00	12 90
W. A. Ridge	343	Douglas	Union	186	16	3	11 16	9 00	20 06
W. J. Day	344	Bement	Piatt	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
Nick Scheid	345	Lincoln	Logan	28	16	3	1 68	9 00	10 68
V. W. Snider	346	Cerro Gordo	Piatt	48	16	3	2 88	9 00	11 88
C. M. Peters	347	Neoga	Cumberland	84	16	3	5 04	9 00	14 04
W. F. Evans	348	Palmyra	Macoupin	36	16	3	2 16	9 00	11 16
T. D. Crozzar	349	Sheldon	Iroquois	135	16	3	8 10	9 00	17 10
W. E. P. Anderson	350	Carlinville	Macoupin	38	16	3	2 28	9 00	11 28
Charles Brown	351	Rockwood	Randolph	172	16	3	10 32	9 00	19 32
Frank Woodham	352	Albion	Edwards	170	10	3	10 20	9 00	19 20
Gustav Burkhardt	353	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
George W. White	354	Kinmundy	Marion	100	16	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
Jacob Lyons	355	Toledo	Cumberland	98	16	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
W. R. Coultas	356	Lynnville	Morgan	44	16	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
E. Long	357	Quincy	Adams	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
J. M. Miner	358	Guthrie	Ford	87	16	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
Geo. Carpenter	359	Elliott	Ford	89	16	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
R. H. Grantham	360	Cary	McHenry	209	16	3	12 54	9 00	21 54
Knute Johnson	361	Englewood	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. M. Beidelman	362	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
George W. Mills	363	Williamsville	Sangamon	12	16	3	72	9 00	9 72
T. M. Wimmer	364	Philo	Champaign	81	16	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
L. C. Specht	365	Quincy	Adams	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
G. R. Waggoner	366	Brighton	Macoupin	60	16	3	3 60	9 00	12 60
John Ebbert	367	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
W. P. Rigg	368	Athensville	Greene	66	16	3	3 96	9 00	12 96
David Allen	369	West Belleville	St. Clair	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Andrew German	370	Yates City	Knox	87	16	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
Frank Bethel	371	Bardolph	McDonough	94	16	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
Uriah Rubendall	372	Orangeville	Stephenson	211	16	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
J. A. Long	373	Fowler	Adams	101	16	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
John E. Miller	374	East St. Louis	St. Clair	93	16	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
O. S. Young	375	Eldorado	Saline	170	16	3	10 20	9 00	19 20
Hamlin Sheckler	376	Davis	Stephenson	211	16	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
Wm. Meyer	377	Minonk	Woodford	87	16	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
Alex. Stevenson	378	Spring Valley	Bureau	126	16	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
T. S. Halstead	379	Forrest	Livingston	99	16	3	5 94	9 00	14 94
Rob. Wrobleeky	380	Spring Valley	Bureau	126	16	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
J. H. Fisher	381	Irvington	Washington	106	16	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
S. A. D Lovell	382	Ipava	Fulton	67	18	3	4 02	9 00	13 02
A. C. Warren	383	Woodhull	Henry	129	16	3	7 74	9 00	16 74
J. G. McCawley	384	Clay City	Clay	115	16	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
Berthold H. Rhein	385	Nashville	Washington	121	16	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
E. M. Stricklin	386	Harrisburg	Saline	176	16	3	10 56	9 00	19 56
Fred. Munsell	387	Chenoa	McLean	82	16	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
Emil Hentschel	388	Chicago	Cook	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
E. F. Martens	389	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
G. H. Hinderer	390	Kankakee	Kankakee	136	16	3	8 16	9 00	17 16
Jerry Westwood	391	Streator	LaSalle	102	16	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
Geo. W. Young	392	Marion	Williamson	174	16	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
John W. Vancleve	393	Ozark	Johnson	190	16	3	11 40	9 00	20 40
E. F. Goostree	394	Dix	Jefferson	114	16	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
Peter Schawbert	395	Sandoval	Marion	97	16	3	5 82	9 00	14 82
J. H. Calvert	396	Pulley's Mills	Williamson	192	16	3	11 52	9 00	20 52
Cyrus Bristol	397	Opdyke	Jefferson	131	16	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
Henry Sandmeyer	398	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
.....	399	Ottawa	LaSalle	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
A. B. Thompson	400	Bloomington	McLean	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
Wm. J. Jones	401	Flat Rock	Crawford	143	16	3	8 58	9 00	17 58

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James Reid	402	Maplewood	Cook	185	16	3	$11 10	$9 00	$20 10
John A. Bender	403	Monticello	Piatt	63	16	3	3 78	9 00	12 78
W. G. Parkins	404	Chicago	Cook	185	17	2	11 10	6 00	17 10
Rolla B. Thompson	405	Makanda	Jackson	164	16	3	9 84	9 00	18 84
J. S. Mulcahy	406	Quincy	Adams	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
John Ludwig	407	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Hugh A. Calhoun	408	Galva	Henry	122	16	3	7 32	9 00	16 32
W. H Babcock	409	Carman	Henderson	128	16	3	7 68	9 00	16 68
C. G. Cochran	410	Hazel Dell	Cumberland	119	16	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
Edw. Wohlers	411	Mendota	LaSalle	131	16	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
Joseph Helfrich	412	Carthage	Hancock	114	16	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
J. R. Bennighoff	413	Taylorville	Christian	26	16	3	1 56	9 00	10 56
Edgar Johnson	414	New Holland	Logan	40	16	3	2 40	9 00	11 40
A. T. Fuller	415	Murrayville	Morgan	45	16	3	2 70	9 00	11 70
Benj. Marsh	416	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
L. T. Hamilton	417	Grand Tower	Jackson	182	16	3	10 92	9 00	19 92
W. P. Luse	418	Paxton	Ford	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
H. G. Hodge	419	York	Clark	148	16	3	8 88	9 00	17 88
John K. Thompson	420	Turner	DuPage	180	16	3	10 80	9 00	19 80
J. E. Deterding	421	North Alton	Madison	72	16	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Luther J. Betts	422	New Hartford	Pike	95	16	3	5 70	9 00	14 70
Wm. R. Tripp	423	Greenview	Menard	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
A. J. Lampert	424	Lanark	Carroll	198	16	3	11 88	9 00	20 88
I. H. Scott	425	Allen Springs	Pope	207	16	3	12 42	9 00	21 42
John W. Kersey	426	Caseyville	St. Clair	101	16	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Robert T. Kelly	427	Nebo	Pike	78	16	3	4 68	9 00	13 68
John Hechtner	428	Princeton	Bureau	137	16	3	8 22	9 00	17 22
Andrew Dystrup	429	Lemont	Cook	160	16	3	9 60	9 00	18 60
Wm. S. Sunderland	430	Kane	Greene	73	16	3	4 38	9 00	13 38
H. P. Gibbs	431	O'Fallon	St. Clair	109	16	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
R. G. Stripp	432	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. R. Webber	433	Galatia	Saline	175	16	3	10 50	9 00	19 50
D. L. Boucher	434	Murphysboro	Jackson	162	16	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
V. H. Wettig	435	East St. Louis	St. Clair	93	16	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
Robert Flowers	436	St. Elmo	Fayette	81	16	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
John Hoffman	438	Ramsey	Fayette	60	16	3	3 60	9 00	12 60
J. F. Welson	439	Villa Ridge	Pulaski	200	16	3	12 00	9 00	21 00
James B. Muir	440	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
H. O. Barnes	441	Pawnee	Sangamon	26	16	3	1 56	9 00	10 56
J. M. Boicourt	442	Metropolis	Massac	220	16	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
Thomas F Hyde	443	West Liberty	Jasper	120	16	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
B. F. Wilkinson	444	Hardin	Calhoun	92	16	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
Joseph W. Wright	445	Riverton	Sangamon	7	16	3	42	9 00	9 42
Nels Mattson	446	Galesburg	Knox	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Atherton Cooke	447	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
D. D. Carlton	448	S. Englewood	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Christopher P. Stafford	449	Grafton	Jersey	91	16	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
Eugene L Tabor	450	Chicago	Cook	....	..	..	.....	....	.....
George Schuchmann	451	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John Hartliue	452	Cobden	Union	171	16	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
Samuel B. Fryer	454	Mt. Pulaski	Logan	24	16	3	1 44	9 00	10 44
S. N. Markel	455	Mackinaw	Tazewell	62	16	3	3 72	9 00	12 72
S. P. Wadlow	456	Otterville	Jersey	76	16	3	4 56	9 00	13 56
G. H. Morris	457	Dallas City	Hancock	134	16	3	8 04	9 00	17 04
W F. Allen	458	Ripley	Brown	84	16	3	5 04	9 00	14 04
James Galloway	459	Morrisonville	Christian	39	16	3	2 34	9 00	11 34
S. H. Spradling	460	Saybrook	McLean	86	16	3	5 16	9 00	14 16
Chas. Baxmann	461	Murphysboro	Jackson	162	16	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
C. F. Willeford	462	Pleasant Hill	Pike	83	16	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
J. B. Hopkins	463	Casner	Macon	47	16	2	2 82	6 00	8 82
Chas. Goss	464	Odell	Livingston	103	16	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
Ward M. Carter	465	Springfield	Sangamon	....	16	3	.....	9 00	9 00
Jones Worden	466	Upper Alton	Madison	72	16	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
F. Wm. Baeslan	467	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
R. A. Davis	468	Grand Chain	Pulaski	216	16	3	12 96	9 00	21 96
James Barr	469	Newman	Douglas	89	17	2	5 34	6 00	11 34
Geo. W. Snyder	470	Middletown	Logan	24	16	3	1 44	9 00	10 44
C. F. Perry	471	Piper City	Ford	104	16	3	6 24	9 00	15 24
M. H. Pearce	472	Omaha	Gallatin	164	16	3	9 84	9 00	18 84

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R. H. Schindler	473	Sidney	Champaign	86	16	3	$5 16	$9 00	$14 16
Jacob Geiger	474	Streator	LaSalle	102	16	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
Robert L. Chaney	475	Crab Orchard	Williamson	181	16	3	10 86	9 00	19 86
T. F. Henry	476	Raymond	Montgomery	47	16	3	2 82	9 00	11 82
Henry Graf	477	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
N. T. Allen	478	Galesburg	Knox	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Geo. S. Oleson	479	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Fred G. Steppacher	480	East St. Louis	St. Clair	93	16	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
J. D. McLane	481	Arenzville	Cass	53	16	3	3 18	9 00	12 18
J. H. McFarlin	482	Noble	Richland	122	16	3	7 32	9 00	16 32
Lee Passwaters	483	Heyworth	McLean	54	16	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
W. F. Romoser	484	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
W. A. McBeth	485	Moline	Rock Island	159	16	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
A. M. Grigg	486	Dahlgren	Hamilton	139	16	3	8 34	9 00	17 34
B. F. Irvin	487	Jewett	Cumberland	105	16	3	6 30	9 00	15 30
Henry P. Caldwell	488	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. D. Henderson	489	Fithian	Vermilion	104	16	3	6 24	9 00	15 24
A. Danheiser	490	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
F. F. Frazee	491	Seneca	LaSalle	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Daniel Bocock	492	Tolono	Champaign	75	16	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
Edward E. Fischer	493	Dixon	Lee	161	16	3	9 66	9 00	18 66
Joseph R. Finn	494	Saline Mines	Gallatin	..	..	..	...	...	...
Peter Barr	495	Braidwood	Will	127	16	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
Joshua Links	496	Frankfort	Franklin	162	16	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
Louis Banschbach	497	Morrisonville	Christian	39	16	3	2 34	9 00	11 34
C. J. Nelson	498	Hoopeston	Vermilion	..	..	..	...	...	...
Henry Depke	499	Danville	Vermilion	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
J. W. Hotz	500	Altamont	Effingham	75	16	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
F. C. Best	501	Palmer	Christian	3[illegible]	16	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
T. A. Stone	502	Corinth	Williamson	174	16	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
A. Gates White	503	Garden Prairie	Boone	...	..	..	...	...	...
H. W. Whitacre	504	Creal Springs	Williamson	184	16	3	11 04	9 00	20 04
Rudolf Giop	505	Auburn Park	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. F. W. Eberhard	506	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Chas. Scheffel	507	Litchfield	Montgomery	44	16	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
A. L. Hotchkiss	508	Prophetstown	Whiteside	165	16	3	9 90	9 00	18 90
Wm. Rorke	509	Englewood	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
S. A. Abbott	510	Paw Paw	Lee	149	16	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
H. T. Austin	511	Altona	Knox	123	16	3	7 38	9 00	16 38
J. W. Dean	512	Tower Hill	Shelby	49	16	3	2 94	9 00	11 94
Geo. W. Robinson	513	Dwight	Livingston	111	16	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
Nels Johnson	514	Montgomery	Kane	161	16	3	9 66	9 00	18 66
W. H. Fenton	515	Gardner	Grundy	120	16	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
A. J. Miller	516	Bingham	Fayette	66	16	3	3 96	9 00	12 96
Wm. H. Clark	517	Colehour	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. G. Olson	518	New Windsor	Mercer	128	16	3	7 68	9 00	16 68
...	519	Etna	Coles	...	..	..	...	...	...
Thos. Post	520	Tennessee	McDonough	109	16	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
H. N. Kudsk	521	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Geo. A. Jones	522	Woodlawn	Jefferson	121	16	3	7 6	9 00	16 26
I. L. Mantonga	523	Marietta	Fulton	80	16	3	4 80	9 00	13 80
O. D. Noble	524	Chicago	Cook	...	..	..	...	...	...
J. Frank Mariner	525	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
George E. Brown	526	Alexis	Warren	..	..	..	...	...	...
D. F. King	527	Ewing College	Franklin	139	16	3	8 34	9 00	17 34
T. A. Bradley	528	Goreville	Johnson	187	16	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
R. G. Johnston	529	Mahomet	Champaign	82	16	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
August Blettner	531	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Victor Gerardin	532	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Troy J. Smith	533	Cato	Jackson	172	16	3	10 32	9 00	19 32
Chas. E. Wyatt	534	Virden	Macoupin	21	16	3	1 26	9 00	10 26
John Krile	535	Marble Head	Adams	106	16	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
R. H. Lawless	536	Hollowayville	Bureau	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
R. B. Bradley	537	Roseville	Warren	106	16	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
G. W. Wolfe, Jr.	538	Catlin	Vermilion	106	16	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
F. W. Moltman	539	New Baden	Clinton	118	16	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
John M. Carter	540	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. F. Stephenson	541	Chrisman	Edgar	106	16	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
N. B. Tyler	542	Gibson City	Ford	82	16	3	4 92	9 00	13 92

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		Town.	County.						
C. A. Gish	543	Auburn	Sangamon	15	16	3	$ 90	$9 00	$9 90
J. H. Langton	544	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John M. Briggs	545	Oakland	Coles	94	16	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
Charles Webber	546	Waehburn	Woodford	94	16	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
L. G. Schien	547	Alhambra	Madison	62	16	3	3 72	9 00	12 72
A. W. Spracklen	548	Cowden	Shelby	60	16	3	3 60	9 00	12 60
George Ely, Sr.	549	Champaign	Champaign	84	16	3	5 04	9 00	14 04
Nicholas Cowell	550	Barclay	Sangamon	8	16	3	48	9 00	9 48
H. L. B. Mason	551	Independence	Saline	187	16	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
D. D. Humberd	552	Sciota	McDonough	101	16	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Samuel B. dams	553	Castleton	Stark	109	16	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
Charles P. Gilbert	554	Stronghurst	Henderson	139	16	3	8 34	9 00	17 34
Arthur Oehler	555	Trenton	Clinton	116	16	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
S. R Jones	556	Louisville	Clay	101	16	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Harvey Gall	557	Kenney	DeWitt	36	16	3	2 16	9 00	11 16
J. J. Lyell	558	Wayne City	Wayne	142	16	3	8 52	9 00	17 52
John A. Huffman	559	Pesotum	Champaign						
A. L. Klock	560	Neponset	Bureau	13	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Fred Braun	561	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
James H. Fram	562	Vandalia	Fayette	72	16	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Simeon Harris	563	Vermilion	Edgar	118	16	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
J. H. Lemasters	564	Oakwood	Vermilion	109	16	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
Chas. Good	565	Rankin	Vermilion	108	16	3	6 48	9 00	15 48
G. W. Lilley	566	Dakota	Stephenson	206	16	3	12 36	9 00	21 36
Chas. Jacobus	567	Millstadt	St. Clair	113	16	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
D. A. Delap	568	Norris City	White	157	16	3	9 42	9 00	18 42
M. Van Gelder	569	Chicago	Cook						
Geo. F. Lester	570	Arrowsmith	McLean	8	16	3	4 80	9 00	13 80
J. T. Warsham	571	Hindsboro	Douglas	88	16	3	5 28	9 00	14 28
A. McKoon	572	Whitefield	Bureau	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
John A Leonard	573	Shannon	Carroll						
Henry Heide	574	Blue Island	Cook	172	16	3	10 32	9 00	19 32
J. E. Trekell	575	Buda	Bureau	124	16	3	7 44	9 00	16 44
U. A. Noble	576	Windsor	Shelby	69	16	3	4 14	9 00	13 14
C. L. Eby	577	Monmouth	Warren	116	16	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
John W. Mullin	578	Grand Ridge	LaSalle						
C L. Wilcox	579	Bradford	Stark	113	16	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
Edward Brett	580	Ashkum	Iroquois	120	16	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
W. H. Confer	581	Lick Creek	Union	174	16	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
Q. M. Moore	582	Parrish	Franklin	162	16	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
O. C. Johnson	583	Moline	Rock Island	159	16	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
Fred. Mangus	584	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. T. Bliss	585	Hermon	Knox	93	16	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
B. F Hartman	586	Iroquois	Iroquois	137	16	3	8 22	9 00	17 22
W. W Burdsall	587	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Louis Sheets	588	New Athens	St. Clair	122	16	3	7 32	9 00	16 32
M. Killion	589	Mansfield	Piatt	73	16	3	4 38	9 00	13 38
E. J. Pierce	590	Rock Falls	Whiteside	170	16	3	10 20	9 00	19 20
Chas. Gilgore	591	Biggsville	Henderson	129	16	3	7 74	9 00	16 74
Fred Spies	592	St. Jacob	Madison	118	16	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
J. M. Gibbons	593	Lovington	Moultrie	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
B. W. Gibbs	594	Rinard	Wayne	115	16	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
Lawrence Tankersly	595	Blue Mound	Macon	52	16	3	3 12	9 00	12 12
C. O. Dannel	596	Kemper	Jersey	62	16	3	3 72	9 00	12 72
John P. Thompson	597	Seymour	Champaign	74	16	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
John L. Temple	598	Wataga	Knox						
Charles E. Wheeler	599	Cisco	Piatt	54	16	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
W. R. Schroeder	600	Warreneburg	Macon	37	16	3	2 22	9 00	11 22
Spencer Ward	601	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
A. T. Risley	602	Streator	LaSalle	102	16	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
Geo. W. Collings	603	Papineau	Iroquois	139	16	3	8 34	9 00	17 34
Howard Carr	604	Timothy	Cumberland	102	16	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
W. A. Graham	605	Cook's Mills	Coles	72	16	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
E. C. Smith	606	Malta	DeKalb	174	16	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
S. A. Unger	607	Crescent City	Iroquois	119	16	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
Jas. F. Van Horn	608	Rock Island	Rock Island	156	16	3	9 36	9 00	18 36
F. W. Troutman	609	Charleston	Coles	92	16	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
Chas Schwartz	610	Pana	Christian	43	16	3	2 58	9 00	11 58
S. Whitehead	611	Tunnel Hill	Johnson	192	16	3	11 52	9 00	20 52

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Ira A. Serene	612	Herscher	Kankakee	125	16	3	$7 50	$9 00	$16 50
Adolph I. Goldberg	613	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. W. Perisho	614	Grand View	Edgar	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
J. D. Reid	615	Eddyville	Pope	207	16	3	12 42	9 00	21 42
A. E. Peasley	616	Terre Haute	Henderson	121	16	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
A. A. Sharp	617	Samoth	Massac	210	16	3	12 60	9 00	21 60
Z. F. Carroll	618	Cornell	Livingston	103	16	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
O. M. Ober	619	Elgin	Kane	191	16	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
Jacob Haueise	620	Tioga	Hancock	116	16	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
J. H. Stephenson	621	Pellonia	Massac	226	16	3	13 56	9 00	22 56
C. C. Hill	622	Marissa	St. Clair	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
U. G. Koons	623	Hunt City	Jasper	125	16	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
H. C. Trent	624	Port Byron	Rock Island	164	16	3	9 84	9 00	18 84
James R. Horn	625	New Burnside	Johnson	192	16	3	11 52	9 00	20 52
J. C. Mote	626	Chi'go Heights	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. T. Corbin	627	Ohio	Bureau	149	16	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
Fred Rich, Jr	628	N. Henderson	Mercer	123	16	3	7 38	9 00	16 38
John McCrea	629	Victoria	Knox	120	16	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
Frank Fucik	630	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
F. H. Lowe	631	Edinburg	Christian	17	16	3	1 02	9 00	10 02
James Lucas	632	Grape Creek	Vermilion	116	16	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
C. W. McVey	633	Kansas	Edgar	106	16	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
A. L. Wade	634	Farina	Fayette	94	16	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
J. G. Slater	635	Metcalf	Edgar	99	16	3	5 94	9 00	14 94
H. C. Melick	636	Humboldt	Coles	84	16	3	5 04	9 00	14 04
George Lawson, Jr	637	Cable	Mercer	181	16	3	10 86	9 00	19 86
J. F. Beal	638	Minier	Tazewell	54	16	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
Geo. R Freak	639	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Philip Reitz	640	Wilton Center	Will	146	16	3	8 76	9 00	17 76
S. A. Ketchum	641	Loraine	Adams	125	16	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
Thos. Ferrier	642	Burton	Adams	109	16	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
Calvin S. Thomas	643	Elco	Alexander	195	16	3	11 70	9 00	20 70
A. A. Moore	644	Westfield	Clark	114	16	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
M. G. Miller	645	Austin	Cook	191	16	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
J. J. Swartz	646	Palermo	Edgar	....	..	..	....	....	....
D. L. Hicks	647	Athens	Menard	13	16	3	78	9 00	9 78
F. A. Wild	648	Gilman	Iroquois	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
Bernhard Miller	649	Woodland	Iroquois	132	16	3	7 92	9 00	16 92
F. B. Merrills	650	Belleville	St. Clair	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
A. D. Leamon	651	Falmouth	Jasper	116	16	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
John F. Adams	652	Heathsville	Crawford	149	16	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
T. M. Stansbury	653	La Harpe	Hancock	113	16	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
Louis Wolter	654	Marissa	St. Clair	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Dan E. Gregory	655	Etherton	Jackson	....	..	..	....	....	....
George Kirkpatrick	656	Temple Hill	Pope	218	16	3	13 08	9 00	22 08
J. B. Brown	657	La Fayette	Stark	115	16	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
Wm. Wallace	658	Humboldt Park	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. W. Johnson	659	Bellflower	McLean	71	16	3	4 26	9 00	13 26
C. H. Herbert	660	Monee	Will	158	16	3	9 48	9 00	18 48
W. S Duff	661	Westville	Vermilion	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
Harry Daniels	662	Fort Sheridan	Lake	209	16	3	12 54	9 00	21 54
D. B. Link	663	Foxville	Marion	115	16	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
John H. Meyers	664	Paris	Edgar	111	16	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
I. R. Gardner	665	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
H. L. Whitaker	666	Chicago Lawn	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. E. Garman	667	Forreston	Ogle	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. L. Farrington	668	East Peoria	Tazewell	74	16	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
Frank Frey	669	Depue	Bureau	127	16	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
W. L. Hamilton	670	Good Hope	McDonough	98	16	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
C. E. Pogue	671	Findlay	Shelby	....	..	..	....	....	....
W. A. Jones	672	Ava	Jackson	158	16	3	9 48	9 00	18 48
W. W. Strong	673	Evanston	Cook	197	16	3	11 82	9 00	20 82
Geo. T. Garrett	674	Ferris	Hancock	119	16	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
Jacob Breckenmaker	675	Kirkwood	Warren	122	16	3	7 32	9 00	16 32
Ed. L. Hagler	676	Alto Pass	Union	173	16	3	10 38	9 00	19 38
W. T. Wirick	677	Stanford	McLean	72	16	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
L. S. Maddox	678	Ridge Farm	Vermilion	111	16	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
Wm. McGahey	679	Braceville	Grundy	124	16	3	7 44	9 00	16 44
W. C. Roodhouse	681	Roodhouse	Greene	....	..	..	....	....	....

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		Town.	County.						
G. A. Clere	682	Basco	Hancock	119	16	3	$7 14	$9 00	$16 14
Abraham Cornick	683	Assumption	Christian	52	16	3	3 12	9 00	12 12
Harvey C. Baum	684	Colona	Henry	147	16	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
A. B. Barker	685	Staunton	Macoupin	58	16	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
A. McDonald	686	Orion	Henry	137	16	3	8 22	9 00	17 22
F. E. Florey	687	Macon	Macon	48	16	3	2 88	9 00	11 88
Adolph Laux	688	Rockbridge	Greene	59	16	3	3 54	9 00	12 54
J. G. Beck	689	Rockford	Winnebago	208	16	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
A. C. Bartlett	690	Beecher City	Effingham	66	16	3	3 96	9 00	12 96
Frederick Jung	691	Elgin	Kane	191	16	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
W. R. Cox	692	Hutton	Coles	98	16	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
Edmund R. Polk	693	LaGrange	Cook	199	16	3	11 94	9 00	20 94
Thomas G. Pitts	694	Iuka	Marion	114	16	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
John W. Boger	696	South Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Lewis Herold	697	Hamilton	Hancock	126	16	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
Otto Brail	698	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. C. Schuman	699	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Geo. Gonterman	700	Forsyth	Macon	43	16	3	2 58	9 00	11 58
	701	Nunda	McHenry						
G. W. Merriss	702	Bluffs	Scott	52	16	3	3 12	9 00	12 12
James Kelley	703	Carterville	Williamson	165	16	3	9 90	9 00	18 90
A. Paulus	704	Fisher	Champaign	81	16	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
Walter Watterson	705	Strawn	Livingston	91	16	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
A. N. Banes	706	Harvel	Montgomery	44	16	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
Christ Weidler	707	Mt. Olive	Macoupin	50	16	3	3 00	9 00	12 00
I. M. Kuebler	708	Palatine	Cook	211	16	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
O. M. Foltz	709	Owaneco	Christian	34	16	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
G. B. Patton	710	Walnut Hill	Marion	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Edward Gallagher	711	Woodson	Morgan	41	16	3	2 46	9 00	11 46
Frank Williams	712	Trilla	Coles	91	16	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
J. J. Nicholson	713	Daleon	Clark	144	16	3	8 64	9 00	17 64
O. E. Wold	714	Colchester	McDonough	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
H. W. Langstaff	715	Colfax	McLean	77	16	3	4 62	9 00	13 62
R. F. Cheyne	716	Pullman	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Samuel G. Brown	717	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Charles J. Grimes	718	Batavia	Kane	174	16	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
R. M. Smith	719	Venice	Madison	90	16	3	5 40	9 00	14 40
Samuel Hillbrant	720	Argenta	Macon	49	16	3	2 94	9 00	11 94
J. W. Allison	721	Essex	Kankakee						
M. Frank	722	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. B. Harrison	723	Antioch	Lake						
H. A. Reese	724	Litchfield	Montgomery	44	16	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
H. E. Shepherd	725	Hume	Edgar	95	16	3	5 70	9 00	14 70
Edward Waters	726	Table Grove	Fulton	76	16	3	4 56	9 00	13 56
J. M. Allyn	727	Modesto	Macoupin	33	16	3	1 98	9 00	10 98
J. W. Righter	728	Saunemin	Livingston	105	16	3	6 30	9 00	15 30
E. W. Dickson	730	Hampshire	Kane	205	16	3	12 30	9 00	21 30
S. J. Pulley	731	Stonefort	Saline	191	16	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
Pascal Williams	732	Friendsville	Wabash	174	16	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
J. W. Reynolds	733	Sibley	Ford	91	16	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
Alva A. Cole	734	London Mills	Fulton	88	16	3	5 28	9 00	14 28
Samuel Mathers	735	Bethalto	Madison	74	16	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
J. B. Allen	736	Mitchellsville	Saline	187	16	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
Sidney Bagley	737	Brownstown	Fayette	79	16	3	4 74	9 00	13 74
Henry Umbarger	739	Pilot	Vermilion	112	16	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
H. C. Marquiss	740	Deland	Piatt	61	16	3	3 66	9 00	12 66
P. A. Cunningham	741	Ransom	LaSalle	110	16	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
Eli Cox	742	Arthur	Douglas	69	16	3	4 14	9 00	13 14
Jas. Melvin	743	Huntsville	Schuyler	103	16	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
Wm. Roderick	744	Rose Hill	Jasper	114	16	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
Faank W. Ksaher	745	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
D. B. Stephens	746	McLean	McLean	44	16	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
John F. Emrick	747	Casey	Clark	113	16	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
C T. Johnson	748	Crossville	White	166	16	3	9 96	9 00	18 96
R. W. Creech	749	Bethany	Moultrie	57	16	3	3 42	9 00	12 42
A. J. Cooper	750	Downers Grove	DuPage	179	16	3	10 74	9 00	19 74
Wm Kinsey	751	Cummings	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Robert Gilmore	752	Cuba	Fulton	67	16	3	4 02	9 00	13 02
J. P Casteel	753	Hettick	Macoupin	42	16	3	2 52	9 00	11 52

Mileage and Per-Diem Report—*Continued.*

Names of Representatives.	No. of Lodge.	Location of Lodge. Town.	Location of Lodge. County.	Distance.	Date of Arr.	Days in Att.	Amount of Mileage.	Amount of Per-Diem.	Total.
B. W. McPherson	754	Janesville	Coles	90	16	3	$5 40	$9 00	$14 40
A. P. Hauschild	756	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Henry Hinds	757	Kinderhook	Pike	89	16	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
M. F. Hain	758	Browns	Edwards	165	16	3	9 90	9 00	18 90
J. C. Kabrick	759	Plainville	Adams	102	16	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
A. F. Skinner	760	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. G. Stovall	761	Atwood	Piatt	64	16	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
R. H. Dodge	762	Ancona	Livingston	....	..	..	.....	....	.....
Milton S. Bolender	763	Rock Grove	Stephenson	208	16	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
O. C. Morgan	764	Montrose	Effingham	97	16	3	5 82	9 00	14 82
James Steele	765	Berwick	Warren	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Henry Voss	766	Hegewisch	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
L. Z. Pierce	767	Hebron	McHenry	231	16	3	13 86	9 00	22 86
Wm. Watson	768	Genoa	DeKalb	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Frank Dewey	769	Union	McHenry	211	16	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
Thomas J. Cogdal	770	Pleasant Plains	Sangamon	16	16	3	96	9 00	9 96
George Marland	771	Momence	Kankakee	147	16	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
J. L. Mount	772	Simpson	Johnson	196	16	3	11 76	9 00	20 76
S. G. Walker	773	West Union	Clark	145	16	3	8 70	9 00	17 70
Grant Brown	774	Allerton	Vermilion	92	16	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
E. P. McMurran	775	Smithborough	Bond	73	16	3	4 38	9 00	13 38
R. F. Tuttle	776	Capron	Boone	213	16	3	12 78	9 00	21 78
Z. T. Burns	777	Anchor	McLean	81	16	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
Elmer D. Huffman	778	Atlas	Pike	90	16	3	5 40	9 00	14 40
F. J. Wright	779	Williamsfield	Knox	114	16	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
J. W. Logan	780	Seaton	Mercer	134	16	3	8 04	9 00	17 04
John A. Pool	781	Vergennes	Jackson	148	16	3	8 88	9 00	17 88
Charles Seeberg	782	Kensington	Cook	175	16	3	10 50	9 00	19 50
T. T. Jones	783	Normal	McLean	60	16	3	3 60	9 00	12 60
W. H. Smith	784	Rose Bud	Pope	218	16	3	13 08	9 00	22 08
Simon R. Graves	785	Wellington	Iroquois	125	16	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
J. A. Shreck	786	Cameron	Warren	114	16	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
Chas. H. Duncan	787	LaPlace	Piatt	52	16	3	3 12	9 00	12 12
Amos Gray	788	Boyd	Jefferson	.	..	..	...		.....
James M. Butler	789	Pulaski	Pulaski	197	16	3	11 82	9 00	20 82
Stephen Stevens	790	Yale	Jasper	127	16	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
James Watts	791	Fairland	Douglas	83	16	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
C. A. Wright	792	Ashmore	Coles	101	16	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Wm. R. White	793	Waukegan	Lake	220	16	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
J. A. F. Sperling	794	Dewey	Champaign	85	16	3	5 10	9 00	14 10
Walter M. Vaughan	795	Secor	Woodford	83	16	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
J. E. Leach	796	Cheneyville	Vermilion	126	16	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
.....	797	Baldwin	Randolph	....	..	..	.....	....	.....
J. C. Grammer	798	Pomona	Jackson	173	16	3	10 38	9 00	19 38
Robert H. Muir	800	Clyde	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Tom Wood	801	Princeton	Bureau	137	16	3	8 22	9 00	17 22
Eli McLane	802	Union Church	Union	184	16	3	11 04	9 00	20 04
J. H. Colver	803	Ladd	Bureau	.	..	..	.	...	....
Chas. H. Dwornik	804	Utica	LaSalle	125	16	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
Wm. Esken	805	Parkville	Champaign	....	..	..	.....	....	.....
Albert Haynes	806	Bureau	Bureau	121	16	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
James T. Wright	807	Bogota	Jasper	111	16	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
R. E. Jones	808	Sheffield	Bureau	144	16	3	8 64	9 00	17 64
John A. Campbell	809	Ellsworth	McLean	75	16	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
E. R. Lake	810	Fish Hook	Pike	82	16	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
J. B. McDowell	811	Boaz	Massac	214	16	3	12 84	9 00	21 84
Sven Windrow	812	Chicago	Warren	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Thos. Wearmouth	813	Youngstown	Warren	99	16	3	5 94	9 00	14 94
J. W. Fitch	814	Lawrenceville	Lawrence	152	16	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
Hy. C. Ost	815	Rockefeller	Lake	....	..	..	.....	....	.....
Alfred Asay	816	Thawville	Iroquois	109	16	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
Alvin H. Hawes	817	West Pullman	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. A. Drury	819	El Paso	Woodford	76	16	3	4 56	9 00	13 56
F. L. Wilkins	820	St Anne	Kankakee	144	16	3	8 64	9 00	17 64
Samuel C. Oxford	821	Rock Creek	Hardin	196	16	3	11 76	9 00	20 76
I. Fireman	822	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. S. French	823	Yantisville	Shelby	67	16	3	4 02	9 00	13 02
J. A. Ledbetter, Jr	824	Cave-in-Rock	Hardin	202	16	3	12 12	9 00	21 12
H. A. Sylvester	825	Woodlawn P'k.	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10

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Names of Representatives.	No. of Lodge.	Location of Lodge.		Distance.	Date of Arr.	Days in Att.	Amount of Mileage.	Amount of Per-Diem.	Total.
		Town.	County.						
F. M Shaw	826	Palestine	Crawford	142	10	3	$8 52	$9 00	$17 52
Wm. Moulic	827	Percy	Randolph	152	16	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
Ira Higgins	828	Elliottstown	Effingham	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Samuel Wright	829	Lindenwood	Ogle	192	16	3	11 52	9 00	20 52
Robt. C. Eaton	830	Elkville	Jackson	143	16	3	8 58	9 00	17 58
R. McMillan	831	Crawford	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
George Renne	832	Poplar Grove	Boone	211	16	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
Jas. C. Wilson, Sr	833	Cooksville	McLean	71	16	3	4 26	9 00	13 26
Geo. R. Haines	834	Baylis	Pike	75	16	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
J. M. Cochennour	835	Mill Shoals	White	138	16	3	8 28	9 00	17 28
Geo. Oberling	836	Coatsburg	Adams	98	16	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
Clerk Tilbury	837	Towanda	McLean	....	..	..	.....	.....	..
W. O. Walker	838	Shawneetown	Gallatin	182	16	3	10 92	9 00	19 92
Geo. Ohse	839	Yorkville	Kendall	155	16	3	9 30	9 00	18 30
H. B. Harwood	840	East Dubuque	Jo Daviess	251	16	3	15 06	9 00	24 06
Wm. F. Ginter	841	Peotone	Will	152	16	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
Herbert Marshall	842	Foosland	Champaign	79	16	3	4 74	9 00	13 74
W. H. Riley	843	Ridgway	Gallatin	171	16	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
Milo McMillan	844	West Point	Hancock	124	16	3	7 44	9 00	16 44
Andrew Cook	845	Danvere	McLean	70	16	3	4 20	9 60	13 20
Nathan Linus	846	Ingraham	Clay	111	16	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
Wm. V. Riddern	847	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Charles Davis	848	Wanlock	Mercer	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
John Nelch	849	New City	Sangamon	13	16	3	78	9 00	9 78
E. T. Shire	850	Oblong	Crawford	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
J. W. Hunter	851	Beverly	Adams	91	16	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
Henry Fossieck	852	Granite City	Madison	92	16	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
A. W. Knight	853	Armstrong	Vermilion	106	16	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
J. M. Walker	854	Olmsted	Pulaski	223	16	3	13 38	9 00	22 38
C. J. Sandlin	855	Enterprise	Wayne	125	16	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
W. H. Bryant	856	Joliet	Will	147	16	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
C. A. Busic	857	Hudson	McLean	67	16	3	4 02	9 00	13 02
Chas. S. Thornton	858	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. H. Cline	859	Cisne	Wayne	119	16	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
John W. Tillman	860	Patoka	Marion	87	16	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
H. M. Stokes	861	McNoel	Massac	209	16	3	12 54	9 00	21 54
Chas. T. Laing	862	Bradley	Kankakee	136	16	3	8 16	9 00	17 16
W. M. Boaz	863	Johneonville	Wayne	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
George Norris	864	Bowen	Hancock	100	16	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
H. G. Schneider	865	Hopedale	Tazewell	55	16	3	3 30	9 00	12 30
John Robinson	866	Odin	Marion	111	16	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
J. S Zimmerle	867	Grant Park	Kankakee	152	16	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
James A. Ellis	868	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Louis Joergens	869	Winterrowd	Effingham	113	16	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
Geo. Hayward	870	Aurora	Kane	167	16	3	10 02	9 00	19 02
Herbert Newton Chute	871	Avondale	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. G. Thompson	872	Payson	Adams	130	16	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
John A. Kutz	873	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Thos. M. Miller	874	Carrier Mills	Saline	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John Parker	875	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Daniel D. Purcell	876	Alma	Marion	123	16	3	7 38	9 00	16 38
A. J. Dougherty	877	Mendon	Adams	127	16	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
Francis E. Ball	878	Chicago	Cook	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
.....	879	Keyesport	Clinton	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
.....	880	Huntley	McHenry	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
W. N. Eisele	881	New Berlin	Sangamon	17	16	3	1 02	9 00	10 02

MILEAGE AND PER-DIEM REPORT—*Concluded.*

Names of Committeemen.	No. of Lodge.	Location of Lodge.		Distance.	Date of Arr.	Days in Att.	Amount of Mileage.	Amount of Per-Diem.	Total.
		Town.	County.						
CREDENTIALS.									
Samuel E. Erickson	479	Chicago	Cook	185	15	4	$11 10	$12 00	$23 10
W. H. Hall	46	Edwardsville	Madison	74	15	4	4 44	12 00	16 44
Isaac Golden	822	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
STATE OF THE ORDER.									
J. P. Ellacott	416	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. L. Barnum, P. G. M.	9	Chicago	Cook	185	15	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
I. N. Roland	61	Freeport	Stephenson	...	..	..	.....	...	...
W. F. Holt	870	Aurora	Kane	167	15	4	10 02	12 00	22 02
A. M. Houser	613	Chicago	Cook	185	15	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
LEGISLATION.									
Fred. Bross, P. G. M.	224	Cairo	Alexander	213	15	4	12 78	12 00	24 78
H. C Feltman, P. G. R.	114	Salem	Marion	106	15	4	6 36	12 00	18 36
Thos. J. Gregory	10	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
F. W. Latimer	184	Abingdon	Knox	99	15	4	5 94	12 00	17 94
D. R. Anderson	75	Morris	Grundy	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
REBEKAH DEGREE.									
Henry A. Stone, P. G. M.	562	Vandalia	Fayette	72	16	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
S. W. Grubb	478	Galesburg	Knox	107	16	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Tom Wood	801	Princeton	Bureau	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
MILEAGE AND PER-DIEM.									
N. D. Calkins	190	Irving Park	Cook	185	15	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
Carl Lager	172	Geneseo	Henry	158	15	4	9 48	12 00	21 48
H. W. Pemberton	433	Galatia	Saline	175	15	4	10 50	12 00	22 50
L. W. Fribourg	65	Decatur	Macon	38	16	3	2 28	9 00	11 28
Edw. Craig	352	Albion	Edwards	170	15	4	10 20	12 00	22 20
C. M. Turner	199	Cambridge	Henry	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
D. M. Markillie	682	Basco	Hancock	119	16	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
J. E. Mitchell	133	Moline	Rock Island	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
C. F. W. Eberhard	506	Chicago	Cook	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
E. H. Kinney	726	Table Grove	Fulton	76	16	3	4 56	9 00	13 56
RAILROADS.									
F. J. Heini	243	Jacksonville	Morgan	34	15	4	2 04	12 00	14 04
Alonzo Ellwood, P. G. M.	105	Sycamore	DeKalb	174	15	4	10 44	12 00	22 44
C. D. Brainard	21	Peoria	Peoria	74	15	4	4 44	12 00	16 44
PRINTING.									
John R. Camp	322	Bushnell	McDonough	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
J. R. Kewley	450	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Sven Windrow	812	Chicago	Cook	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
H. Dinkelman	488	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Geo. F. Cecil	450	Chicago	Cook	185	16	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
ORPHANS' HOME DIRECTORY.									
J. O. Humphrey, G R.	465	Springfield	Sangamon	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
T. B. Needles, G. Treas	37	Nashville	Washington	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
J. W. Yantis	117	Shelbyville	Shelby	58	15	4	3 48	12 00	15 48
W. R Humphrey	240	Chicago	Cook	185	15	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
E. S. Conway, G. R	217	Oak Park	Cook	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
TRUSTEES OF OLD FOLKS' HOME.									
Julius H. Raible	2	Alton	Madison	72	15	4	4 32	12 00	16 32
W. R Jewell	69	Danville	Vermilion	112	15	4	6 72	12 00	18 72
H. A. Stone, P. G. M.	562	Vandalia	Fayette	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Chas Lytle	186	Decatur	Macon	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
C. F. Mansfield, P. G. M	589	Mansfield	Piatt	73	15	4	4 38	12 00	16 38

SUMMARY OF THE FOREGOING TABLE.

Number of Grand Officers present	12
Number of Representatives present	819
Number of Lodges not represented	48
Number of Lodges defunct	14
Number of Committeemen present	44
Number of Committeemen not Representatives present	31
Number of miles traveled both ways	211,844
Number of miles traveled one way	105,922
Number of Days' Attendance	2,603
Amount of mileage at 6 cents per mile one way	$6,355 32
Amount of per-diem at $3.00 per day	$7,809 00
Total expense of Grand Lodge for mileage and per-diem, session of 1897	$14,164 32

TELEGRAPHIC CIPHER AND KEY.

HOUSE.—Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, and asking of us financial assistance.

FUNDS.—Shall we aid him, and draw on you to the extent of .....?

CASH.—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge in good standing.

RIVER.—Has your Lodge a member in good standing by the name of ....?

BOAT.—He is an expelled member and has not been in good standing for .....

WHITE.—We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

GRIP.—Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

CAUTION.—Look out for a fraud named ....

SECRETARY.—He has a fraudulent Card.

FINAL.—A member of your Lodge died here.

BLACK.—He is a fraud, and if he has a Card or other papers from this Lodge they are forgeries.

RED.—Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, died here.

GREEN.—Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

YELLOW.—Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attendance on your account?

PURPLE.—We think best to bury him there.

LODGE.—Forward remains to this place by .....

REGALIA.—Assist him and we will honor draft to the extent of .....

HELP.—Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day?

ABSTRACT OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE FOR THE YEAR END-

Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1896.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Re instated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1897.	Rejected.	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Western Star	1	Alton	Madison	Wed.	123	2	1	1	..	..	..	9	..	1	117	..	37	17
GERMANIA	2	Alton	Madison	Mon.	71	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	72	..	28	8
Clark	3	Greenville	Bond	Tues.	64	11	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	73	2	23	13
Illini	4	Jacksonville	Morgan	Tues.	295	10	2	..	1	..	..	11	..	4	291	..	54	34
Wildey	5	Galena	JoDaviess	Mon.	86	1	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	2	79	..	36	16
Sangamon	6	Springfield	Sangamon	Tues.	171	27	3	1	1	..	..	5	4	1	191	2	36	23
Jefferson	7	Canton	Fulton	Thur.	140	7	..	3	..	..	..	10	..	1	139	2	15	12
Adelphi	8	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	197	11	2	2	1	..	..	16	..	1	194	1	16	19
Union	9	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	121	1	..	2	2	..	..	9	..	1	112	..	34	11
Lake View	10	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	71	8	3	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	75	..	18	12
Duane	11	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	153	4	1	1	1	..	..	15	1	1	141	..	27	18
Quincy	12	Quincy	Adams	Tues.	126	1	1	..	1	..	..	8	2	3	114	..	41	20
Marion	13	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	Tues.	91	1	1	4	2	..	..	6	1	2	86	1	45	25
St. Charles	14	St. Charles	Kane	Fri.	88	6	2	..	2	..	..	6	..	1	87	..	23	7
Olive Branch	15	Canton	Fulton	Fri.	235	5	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	1	234	..	55	25
Ark	16	Beardstown	Cass	Tues	101	2	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	98	1	36	20
Galena	17	Galena	JoDaviess	Sat.	43	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	23	3
Rock Island	18	Rock Island	Rock Island	Mon.	172	3	2	1	1	1	..	11	1	1	163	1	55	15
Hebron	19	Equality	Gallatin	Sat.	36	2	2	1	2	..	..	4	..	1	34	..	34	4
Prairie	20	Birds	Lawrence	Sat.	42	1	..	1	1	..	..	9	1	1	32	..	8	6
Columbia	21	Peoria	Peoria	Tues.	123	13	2	..	1	..	..	8	..	1	128	..	30	11
Excelsior	22	Chicago	Cook	Tues	106	2	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	104	..	38	3
Desplaines	23	Lockport	Will	Mon.	41	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	23	6
Friendship	24	Rushville	Schuyler	Wed.	117	6	1	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	117	..	17	24
Neilson	25	Troy	Madison	Sat.	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	43	..	27	7
Berry	26	Custer	Sangamon	Sat.	27	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	11	2
Waterloo	27	Waterloo	Monroe	Tues.	64	1	1	1	..	..	..	11	..	1	55	..	15	2
Big Thunder	28	Belvidere	Boone	Sat.	95	5	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	95	..	32	16
Powhan	29	Joliet	Will	Wed.	138	19	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	148	..	32	15
Winnesheik	30	Freeport	Stephenson	Wed.	57	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	65	..	31	6
Winnebago	31	Rockford	Winnebago	Mon.	89	1	1	1	..	..	..	7	..	2	83	..	25	11
Fairfield	32	Fairfield	Wayne	Tues.	104	1	..	1	4	..	..	10	..	1	91	1	17	12
Hardin	33	Elizabeth	JoDaviess	Wed.	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	1
Mokena	34	Peru	LaSalle	Mon.	78	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	82	..	28	19
Wabash	35	Mt. Carmel	Wabash	Sat.	72	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	2	66	..	28	17
Marquette	36	Quincy	Adams	Mon.	100	8	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	105	..	35	23
Nashville	37	Nashville	Washington	Tues.	16	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	11	..
Erie	38	Carlyle	Clinton	Tues.	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	29	..	11	4
Dixon	39	Dixon	Lee	Tues.	53	6	1	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	49	..	19	4
Montgomery	40	Hillsboro	Montgomery	Mon.	47	1	..	..	2	..	..	7	..	..	39	..	20	4
Ottawa	41	Ottawa	LaSalle	Thur.	59	2	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	58	..	34	4
Lake City	42	Town of Lake	Cook	Tues.	101	3	2	..	1	..	..	9	..	..	96	1	16	5
Madison	43	Collinsville	Madison	Sat.	114	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	4	109	..	35	16
Memento	44	Farmington	Fulton	Tues.	76	4	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	77	..	18	2
Waubonsie	45	Aurora	Kane	Wed.	237	12	2	..	25	..	..	5	..	2	219	..	34	25
Edwardsville	46	Edwardsville	Madison	Mon.	96	2	1	3	1	..	..	2	..	2	97	..	39	13
Kane	47	Elgin	Kane	Tues.	139	6	..	2	4	..	..	5	..	3	135	2	29	12
Covenant	48	Pekin	Tazewell	Mon.	81	5	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	2	78	..	31	15
Bethel	49	Chapin	Morgan	Sat.	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	18	..	11	1
Carroll	50	Mt. Carroll	Carroll	Mon.	106	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	114	1	54	21
Fulton	51	Lewistown	Fulton	Mon.	44	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	41	..	17	1
Sparta	52	Sparta	Randolph	Tues.	45	9	2	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	51	..	17	1
Jerseyville	53	Jerseyville	Jersey	Thur.	90	2	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	86	..	48	8
Empire	54	Elizabethtown	Hardin	Sat.	45	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	38	..	33	7
Chicago	55	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	89	9	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	..	93	..	22	6
Elysian	56	Mt. Morris	Ogle	Wed.	20	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	21	..	10	2
Chester	57	Chester	Randolph	Mon.	54	2	..	1	1	..	1	7	..	1	47	..	19	6
ROBERT BLUM	58	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	155	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	148	..	50	23
Rock River	59	Rockton	Winnebago	*Closed*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Guardian	60	Woodstock	McHenry	Mon.	44	6	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	49	..	16	3

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174	..	$582 00	.....	.....	103 50	$50 00	$735 50	$968 33	$699 25	$74 50	$193 33	$1 25	1290 13	$6158 14
48	9	192 00	165 00	.....	41 95	101 50	500 45	782 18	591 05	46 70	.....	144 43	782 18	3250 00
26	.	78 00	.....	.....	64 60	.....	142 60	847 38	322 15	159 50	364 18	1 55	362 64	3021 28
175	15	1182 00	150 00	30 00	133 50	2411 68	3907 18	4555 73	1444 75	251 00	937 13	1922 85	4867 43	15314 80
147	1	350 00	26 00	.....	11 00	100 00	487 00	869 80	673 20	22 00	171 60	3 00	986 54	4137 16
122	1	290 00	10 00	.....	42 00	80 00	422 00	2204 82	813 95	451 50	616 27	323 10	1263 49	5715 17
62	..	302 00	.....	.....	....	40 00	342 00	820 60	531 75	144 60	144 25	.....	668 28	1668 52
123	..	609 00	.....	.....	82 00	56 60	747 60	1499 95	940 00	183 00	176 00	200 95	1720 74	3722 84
98	2	490 00	21 05	.....	25 15	237 00	773 20	1206 32	882 02	45 00	10 40	268 90	1208 20	.....
40	..	161 00	.....	.....	72 00	57 00	290 00	995 95	489 95	209 00	.....	297 00	868 08	1594 48
168	1	543 00	13 50	.....	79 50	66 30	702 30	1374 25	811 50	76 00	480 00	6 75	1417 75	4599 50
173	..	725 00	.....	.....	20 00	240 00	985 00	1470 60	754 05	27 00	682 50	7 05	1843 60	6308 84
130	3	390 00	48 98	.....	87 53	144 35	670 86	2996 84	343 30	22 00	819 44	1812 10	2331 45	13009 17
35	..	105 00	.....	.....	61 00	33 00	199 00	556 12	344 17	81 00	104 25	26 70	527 02	2914 84
155	..	775 00	.....	.....	45 49	50 00	870 49	3011 65	1270 35	115 00	1597 80	28 50	3209 99	14053 42
139	..	273 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	279 00	1183 52	425 17	19 00	735 00	4 35	868 01	15709 97
5	..	20 00	.....	.....	6 05	.....	26 05	246 20	159 00	16 00	69 00	2 20	202 75	2174 60
90	..	270 00	10 00	.....	29 00	285 00	594 00	1985 62	759 02	61 00	570 50	595 10	1661 40	3188 27
8	..	16 00	.....	.....	15 00	36 60	67 60	189 25	132 45	51 80	.....	5 00	339 20	745 35
19	..	76 00	.....	.....	..	30 00	106 00	185 00	160 00	15 00	10 00	.....	82 00	900 00
51	..	249 00	.....	.....	12 00	51 50	312 50	970 30	510 65	338 00	.....	121 65	997 17	2665 89
73	2	439 37	47 38	.....	27 50	317 29	831 54	2020 36	958 25	55 00	996 71	10 40	1818 04	22873 54
20	..	72 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	92 00	340 00	152 00	26 00	132 00	30 00	324 17	690 00
119	..	357 00	.....	.....	30 00	.....	387 00	910 97	388 17	122 15	400 65	.....	774 82	5192 05
32	..	128 00	.....	.....	31 00	5 00	164 00	341 00	188 20	.....	152 80	.....	247 00	2483 70
6	..	22 13	.....	.....	5 05	.....	27 18	142 25	99 25	14 50	28 50	.....	109 52	796 00
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	1 50	119 50	139 00	410 30	265 00	24 00	110 00	11 30	488 00	733 36
117	..	351 00	.....	.....	128 70	124 40	604 10	783 20	435 60	70 00	241 87	35 73	.....	.....
121	..	605 00	.....	.....	10 50	90 00	705 50	2005 96	973 98	282 00	593 00	156 98	1716 23	1998 71
36	..	126 00	.....	.....	4 13	100 00	230 13	608 87	298 20	106 70	161 41	42 56	955 82	3129 21
83	..	199 80	.....	.....	105 00	100 00	404 80	782 33	407 80	41 20	299 10	34 23	874 75	891 60
54	..	162 00	.....	.....	136 00	30 00	328 00	363 50	339 50	24 00	.....	.....	547 68	1687 88
2	..	6 00	3 25	5 00	..	.....	14 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
111	..	378 00	.....	.....	10 00	140 00	528 00	637 42	453 42	99 00	80 00	5 00	813 68	266 29
136	1	349 00	5 00	.....	10 00	60 00	424 00	792 38	588 93	20 80	61 40	121 25	981 49	936 29
150	..	686 00	.....	.....	108 25	80 00	874 25	838 01	608 25	113 50	114 25	2 01	1232 09	1681 71
...	..	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	149 71	74 71	4 50	.....	70 50	117 95	211 08
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	7 00	50 00	96 00	337 95	139 45	.....	198 50	.....	130 50	1185 58
56	..	64 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	74 00	357 85	247 85	100 00	10 00	.....	218 55	853 85
41	..	123 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	133 00	224 10	154 10	20 00	.....	50 00	176 19	2833 48
28	..	84 00	.....	.....	2 20	129 10	215 30	616 25	219 75	44 50	318 00	34 00	683 35	1644 57
12	..	45 00	.....	.....	111 45	.....	156 45	729 25	530 25	83 00	.....	116 00	670 83	1082 08
91	..	455 00	.....	.....	20 00	150 00	625 00	4227 82	890 02	101 00	105 80	3131 00	1239 75	2651 23
34	..	34 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 00	615 31	496 90	105 20	7 00	6 21	236 72	2192 35
84	2	408 00	65 00	.....	81 00	100 00	654 00	2178 03	1058 06	208 00	732 20	179 77	1610 99	3308 72
62	..	326 00	.....	.....	27 00	120 00	473 00	860 15	474 55	55 00	325 25	5 35	898 65	7282 45
62	1	188 00	24 75	.....	36 50	169 75	419 00	1196 58	613 43	96 00	431 65	55 50	1295 52	4491 48
56	..	224 00	.....	.....	62 00	117 00	403 00	795 38	382 70	70 20	132 07	210 41	930 61	3052 77
...	..	.....	.....	.....	11 53	.....	11 53	76 50	62 00	.....	14 00	50	72 81	626 56
101	1	389 11	15 56	.....	31 10	100 00	535 77	902 14	533 77	162 50	205 87	.....	895 40	4197 45
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	11 05	52 00	72 05	234 81	137 96	21 00	74 00	1 85	201 58	1378 75
9	..	34 00	.....	.....	20 25	.....	54 25	698 41	225 98	136 05	292 50	43 88	698 41	4236 40
119	2	591 00	11 35	.....	64 30	120 00	786 65	1158 00	459 50	47 25	626 25	25 00	1295 87	9439 50
11	2	56 00	30 00	.....	25 00	.....	111 00	443 50	179 30	7 20	257 00	.....	253 31	4440 05
25	..	112 50	.....	.....	27 50	.....	140 00	804 25	537 00	143 00	105 00	19 25	831 80	2645 19
24	..	88 00	.....	.....	10 00	30 00	128 00	173 25	103 25	10 00	60 00	.....	196 88	2038 60
99	14	267 00	93 00	.....	16 00	80 00	456 00	628 25	308 90	36 00	156 00	127 35	659 07	3724 63
201	4	813 00	40 00	.....	27 00	232 35	1112 35	1611 00	1123 50	49 00	438 50	.....	2000 65	8652 73
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	125 27	80 43	220 70	387 01	248 90	53 50	84 61	.....	393 15	157 82

ABSTRACT OF SEMI-

Name of Lodge.	No of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1896.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Re-instated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1897.	Rejected	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Stephenson	61	Freeport	Stephenson	Mon.	90	1	1	..	1	..	..	8	..	1	82	1	24	7
Georgetown	62	Georgetown	Vermilion	Sat.	51	1	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	48	..	16	9
Marshall	63	Henry	Marshall	Wed.	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	19	1
Eureka	64	Marshall	Clark	Sat.	79	..	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	71	..	37	3
Decatur	65	Decatur	Macon	Tues.	181	4	6	..	1	..	..	12	..	2	176	..	48	14
Magnolia	66	Magnolia	Putnam	Tues.	26	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	..	11	2
Safford	67	Cairo	Alexander	Wed.	134	6	..	1	..	..	..	29	1	4	107	..	25	13
Saxon	68	Virginia	Cass	Mon.	53	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	51	..	20	3
Danville	69	Danville	Vermilion	Fri.	204	7	3	3	1	..	..	7	..	..	209	..	47	21
Pioneer	70	Winchester	Scott	Fri.	135	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	2	126	..	43	7
Hancock	71	Warsaw	Hancock	Mon.	55	3	..	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	57	..	28	7
Irene	72	Versailles	Brown	Sat.	44	8	1	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	48	..	..	8
Pike	73	Griggsville	Pike	Mon.	47	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	45	..	23	7
Iroquois	74	Watseka	Iroquois	Tues.	77	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	1	73	..	38	6
Star	75	Morris	Grundy	Fri.	121	2	2	..	2	..	..	5	..	1	117	..	26	9
Principle	76	Perry	Pike	Thur.	115	2	..	3	1	..	..	8	..	..	111	..	27	24
Remembrance	77	Bloomington	McLean	Tues.	196	3	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	6	193	2	54	37
Spoon River	78	Ellisville	Fulton	Wed.	49	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	1	..	47	1	18	2
Vermont	79	Vermont	Fulton	Sat.	80	2	2	..	..	..	..	12	..	1	71	..	33	10
Harvey	80	Harvey	Cook	Tues	69	3	3	..	2	..	..	7	..	..	66	..	16	8
Naperville	81	Naperville	DuPage	Thur.	31	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	27	..	11	3
Concord	82	Concord	Morgan	Sat.	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	4
Amicitia	83	Naples	Scott	Mon.	15	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	14	..	11	5
Columbus	84	Columbus	Adams	Sat.	23	4	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	17	5
Dallas	85	Effingham	Effingham	Wed.	43	3	1	2	3	..	..	6	..	..	40	..	17	5
Chosen Friends	86	Metropolis	Massac	Sat.	76	..	..	1	1	..	..	15	..	1	60	..	26	15
Six Mile	87	Nameoki	Madison	Sat.	39	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	1	15	7
Lacon	88	Lacon	Marshall	Tues.	29	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	25	..	15	2
Tonnaluka	89	Princeton	Bureau	Wed.	43	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	40	..	23	4
Kickapoo	90	Charleston	Coles	Tues.	103	11	4	2	..	..	..	6	..	1	113	4	27	15
Edgar	91	Paris	Edgar	Fri.	126	2	1	..	2	..	..	6	..	3	118	..	41	17
Arcadia	92	Arcadia	Morgan	Sat.	27	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	26	..	24	7
Waverly	93	Waverly	Morgan	Thur.	65	4	4	3	2	..	1	..	1	1	71	..	26	15
Oregon	94	Oregon	Ogle	Fri.	48	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	45	..	27	5
Pittsfield	95	Pittsfield	Pike	Fri.	97	7	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	1	97	..	30	20
Stark	96	Toulon	Stark	Tues.	90	3	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	84	..	28	13
Perry	97	Tamaroa	Perry	Tues.	43	6	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	46	1	12	7
Olive	98	Clinton	DeWitt	Tues.	97	2	2	3	2	..	..	14	..	1	87	1	24	12
Opal	99	Grayville	White	Tues.	37	..	..	2	1	..	..	8	..	..	30	..	14	..
Jeptha	100	Clayton	Adams	Fri.	95	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	91	..	39	17
LaSalle	101	LaSalle	LaSalle	Fri.	106	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	105	..	29	8
Arcanum	102	Elmwood	Peoria	Mon.	125	9	1	..	1	..	..	7	..	1	126	..	33	21
Smithfield	103	Smithfield	Fulton	Tues.	31	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	27	..	7	3
Prairie State	104	Waynesville	DeWitt	Tues.	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	46	..	19	..
Sycamore	105	Sycamore	DeKalb	Tues.	85	5	1	1	..	..	..	12	..	..	80	..	22	3
Hutsonville	106	Hutsonville	Crawford	Wed.	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	..	10	1
America	107	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	171	15	1	1	2	..	..	13	..	1	172	..	18	21
Metropolitan	108	Centralia	Marion	Tues.	59	6	5	..	4	..	..	6	..	2	58	..	15	10
Fort Clark	109	Peoria	Peoria	Mon.	161	6	7	1	2	..	..	6	..	2	165	..	42	22
Suburban	110	La Grange	Cook	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Middle Fork	111	Potomac	Vermilion	Tues.	55	2	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	52	..	12	8
Astoria	112	Astoria	Fulton	Tues.	52	2	..	2	1	..	..	5	..	..	50	..	13	8
Cheltenham	113	Cheltenham	Cook	Tues.	100	6	2	..	3	..	..	11	..	1	93	..	10	13
Mount Olive	114	Salem	Marion	Mon.	67	1	..	3	1	..	..	10	..	2	58	..	17	6
Triple Link	115	Bridgeport	Lawrence	Fri.	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	10	6
Atalanta	116	Greenup	Cumberland	Wed.	51	2	..	..	2	..	..	7	..	1	43	..	19	10
Okaw	117	Shelbyville	Shelby	Fri.	108	..	1	..	2	..	..	4	..	1	102	..	28	9
Hennepin	118	Hennepin	Putnam	Tues.	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	52	..	34	4
Lebanon	119	Lebanon	St. Clair	Wed.	67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	..	27	7
Fairview	120	Fairview	Fulton	Tues.	76	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	72	..	20	8
Franklin	121	Franklin	Morgan	Sat.	82	..	..	1	..	..	..	14	..	..	69	..	21	4
Friends	122	Vandalia	Fayette	Tues.	63	3	..	2	..	..	..	16	..	..	52	..	16	7
Salem	123	Petersburg	McLean	Tues.	103	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	106	..	40	12

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89	..	$197 10	.....	.....	$29 00	$80 00	$306 10	$621 74	$364 25	$25 00	$221 15	$11 31	$850 98	$2052 47
24	..	72 00	.....	.....	13 00	.....	85 00	242 75	148 80	23 00	70 95	.....	148 22	2009 08
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	497 85	160 10	.....	337 75	.....	373 93	5042 03
14	..	42 00	.....	.....	35 00	.....	77 00	311 05	282 95	10 00	.....	18 10	3242 32	5830 00
94	..	218 00	.....	.....	66 90	.....	284 90	2086 51	833 74	138 50	983 25	131 02	1437 54	14289 92
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	5 00	30 00	44 00	197 24	152 24	5 00	40 00	.....	65 50	1056 85
48	..	192 00	$2 00	.....	102 00	276 00	572 00	2175 90	631 70	166 00	1348 20	.....	1710 48	5062 90
7	..	19 00	.....	.....	21 50	.....	40 50	436 92	189 33	17 00	42 46	188 13	380 13	629 07
73	..	292 00	.....	$30 73	175 65	.....	498 38	1623 33	1102 43	192 20	315 00	13 70	641 55	13637 36
31	..	62 00	.....	.....	63 00	130 00	255 00	934 34	644 20	34 70	178 75	76 69	901 77	4005 50
28	..	72 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 00	625 12	270 75	47 90	304 37	2 10	375 17	3985 61
24	..	72 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	82 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	..	46 00	.....	.....	.....	84 20	130 20	468 64	259 64	29 00	180 00	.....	352 53	1824 09
36	..	106 50	.....	128 93	50 50	50 00	335 93	540 76	291 50	27 00	120 26	102 00	601 13	2180 50
17	2	51 00	15 00	.....	49 00	100 00	215 00	909 70	636 15	47 00	225 15	1 40	726 46	1507 16
102	5	306 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....	431 00	614 27	444 90	51 00	103 37	15 00	647 00	3130 50
266	..	968 00	.....	.....	40 65	800 00	1808 65	3671 80	1010 60	91 40	2230 20	339 60	3240 64	25697 22
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	17 00	633 31	141 00	10 00	482 34	.....	627 02	3873 04
76	..	228 00	.....	.....	11 00	30 00	269 00	1022 17	371 42	34 00	358 75	258 00	1251 07	4231 51
10	..	50 00	.....	.....	16 00	.....	66 00	716 42	319 70	84 50	257 00	55 22	892 56	962 93
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	35 00	130 27	90 00	.....	40 27	.....	312 13	792 73
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	5	68 00	72 00	.....	6 00	.....	146 00	111 90	61 50	15 00	35 40	.....	205 69	1744 41
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	43 00	151 42	72 92	64 50	14 00	.....	133 30	1224 36
22	..	66 00	.....	.....	2 75	.....	68 75	303 96	197 30	40 40	66 20	.....	213 45	486 23
79	1	147 35	1 00	.....	5 00	160 00	313 35	600 40	528 95	7 20	.....	64 25	493 35	2873 79
41	1	153 00	1 00	.....	20 00	25 00	199 00	476 70	119 44	46 50	266 90	43 86	373 80	7269 10
26	..	78 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	83 00	355 47	101 04	9 00	236 88	8 55	266 08	2663 12
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	.....	48 00	75 00	265 40	153 25	37 00	75 15	.....	308 01	1457 94
35	..	163 00	.....	.....	10 00	50 00	223 00	2099 18	497 68	213 15	1367 35	21 00	563 46	5886 55
67	..	272 00	.....	.....	20 00	150 00	442 00	1510 74	556 95	33 00	920 79	.....	1112 47	10189 51
14	..	45 50	.....	.....	11 00	44 25	100 75	170 20	93 30	10 80	66 10	.....	166 48	1682 15
43	1	252 00	1 00	.....	75 75	30 00	358 75	664 25	312 80	86 70	268 75	1 00	799 33	2643 68
60	..	77 00	.....	.....	13 00	.....	90 00	387 02	204 85	25 00	153 27	3 90	315 56	1699 64
118	1	279 00	1 00	.....	12 25	50 85	343 10	800 55	415 10	111 00	218 99	55 46	755 60	4239 36
76	..	228 00	.....	.....	7 00	166 75	401 75	832 25	476 25	30 10	26 00	300 00	569 39	3259 12
36	..	126 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	136 00	331 10	176 20	82 05	23 65	47 20	226 10	1923 29
64	1	192 00	6 95	.....	.....	80 00	278 95	1256 71	546 82	67 40	454 75	187 74	.....	3829 05
2	..	5 00	.....	.....	21 25	.....	26 25	206 54	178 64	23 40	4 50	.....	169 50	893 44
65	..	193 00	1 00	.....	14 00	.....	208 00	620 04	369 10	11 70	200 00	39 24	644 69	2849 84
76	..	341 00	1 00	.....	52 00	100 00	494 00	700 86	490 35	53 00	125 00	32 51	769 82	1268 14
65	..	195 00	.....	.....	29 50	80 00	304 50	1311 13	802 13	180 00	240 00	89 00	1222 02	5895 79
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 00	114 65	82 65	.....	32 00	.....	95 37	722 22
3	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	195 95	180 95	10 00	5 00	.....	166 88	1916 25
10	..	29 00	.....	.....	9 25	.....	38 25	669 70	307 70	77 00	285 00	.....	808 96	5148 61
2	1	6 00	1 00	.....	.....	45 33	52 33	62 25	50 25	12 00	.....	.....	100 33	371 59
101	..	501 00	.....	.....	96 00	.....	597 00	1118 60	852 00	232 00	5 00	29 60	1329 46	1103 08
40	..	160 00	.....	.....	57 50	50 00	267 50	697 92	190 92	84 00	423 00	.....	665 00	8614 50
127	1	625 00	10 68	.....	59 25	109 15	804 08	4791 43	1194 80	181 00	2721 32	694 31	4491 82	20756 21
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12	1	51 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	66 00	358 20	252 95	13 75	81 00	10 50	304 27	1348 41
37	..	99 00	1 00	.....	78 00	.....	178 00	419 68	237 85	40 40	141 43	.....	404 30	1801 60
34	..	170 00	.....	.....	25 00	48 00	243 00	1053 00	505 00	145 00	403 00	.....	1089 56	1374 89
50	..	189 50	.....	.....	21 07	50 00	260 57	821 38	333 68	38 00	378 00	71 70	909 18	6107 13
19	..	57 00	.....	.....	5 10	.....	62 10	298 37	169 25	.....	129 12	.....	89 61	747 07
26	..	78 00	.....	.....	117 72	.....	195 72	894 31	248 42	72 00	417 49	156 40	224 28	3349 33
19	..	57 00	.....	.....	.....	90 00	147 00	623 00	371 00	60 00	192 00	.....	382 00	4835 00
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24	..	96 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	121 00	361 20	236 20	.....	125 00	.....	288 13	3700 00
24	..	72 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	83 00	325 70	265 00	18 00	29 50	13 20	368 46	1792 75
14	..	28 00	.....	.....	13 50	82 00	123 50	865 66	297 15	8 20	442 07	118 24	943 07	2509 15
29	..	87 00	10 34	.....	12 05	.....	109 39	320 54	156 54	59 00	102 00	.....	436 94	967 34
21	..	63 00	.....	.....	14 85	5 00	82 85	718 37	490 32	80 00	147 70	35	148 10	4068 49

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Crawford	124	Robinson	Crawford	Fri.	41	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	38	..	15	4
Pearl	125	Pearl	Pike	Thur.	43	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	2	8	7
Mt. Pleasant	126	Farmer City	DeWitt	Wed.	100	2	..	3	4	..	..	10	1	1	89	..	34	2
Marcelline	127	Ursa	Adams	Sat.	68	1	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	1	63	1	25	14
Kewanee	128	Kewanee	Henry	Mon.	121	2	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	117	1	24	6
Diligence	129	Princeville	Peoria	Wed.	49	3	1	2	..	..	..	9	..	1	45	..	20	3
Wheeler	130	Wheeler	Jasper	Sat.	27	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	24	..	10	2
Tilton	131	Vandercook	Vermilion	Sat.	27	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	22	..	9	2
Amity	132	Murphysboro	Jackson	Sat.	131	4	..	4	1	..	..	21	1	3	113	..	31	22
Moline	133	Moline	Rock Island	Fri.	98	7	..	1	..	..	..	13	1	2	90	..	23	25
Martineville	134	Martineville	Clark	Tues	52	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	55	..	30	8
Joppa	135	Joppa	Massac	Sat.	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	13	..	3	..
Veitch	136	Lake Creek	Williamson	Sat.	13	2	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	1	14	..	7	..
West Salem	137	West Salem	Edwards	Wed.	21	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	21	..	8	2
N. Philadelphia	138	New Philad'ia.	McDonough	Fri.	51	3	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	53	..	8	3
Urbana	139	Urbana	Champaign	Tues.	78	1	1	2	2	..	..	15	..	1	64	..	19	6
Social	140	Rockford	Winnebago	Fri.	126	7	1	3	3	..	..	8	1	3	122	..	35	9
I Will	141	Chicago	Cook	Tues	72	22	2	..	8	..	..	6	..	..	82	..	6	3
Galesburg	142	Galesburg	Knox	Mon.	54	3	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	52	..	31	3
Mason	143	Havana	Mason	Tues.	48	..	..	1	1	1	..	8	..	..	39	..	16	1
Tazewell	144	Washington	Tazewell	Mon.	61	..	1	..	2	..	..	9	..	..	51	..	14	25
Military Tract	145	Macomb	McDonough	Tues.	72	3	1	..	..	..	..	5	.	1	70	..	43	8
Shawbenee	146	Durand	Winnebago	Sat.	32	1	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	28	..	15	..
Snachwine	147	Tiskilwa	Bureau	Mon.	73	5	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	72	..	21	5
Abou Ben Ad'm	148	Fulton	Whiteside	Mon.	54	9	..	..	3	..	1	3	..	..	56	..	14	7
Leroy	149	LeRoy	McLean	Thur.	123	2	1	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	120	..	..	5
Redmon	150	Redmon	Edgar	Sat.	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	25	..	12	2
Flora	151	Flora	Clay	Sat.	83	3	1	1	1	..	..	17	..	3	67	..	15	15
Nona	152	Armington	Tazewell	Sat.	42	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	..	12	3
York	153	Little York	Warren	Sat.	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	30	..	3	2
Sylvan	154	Dunlap	Peoria	Tues.	48	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1	14	16
DeKalb	155	DeKalb	DeKalb	Mon.	66	6	..	2	..	..	..	9	..	..	65	..	14	1
Henderson	156	Rio	Knox	Sat.	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	8	..
Melvin	157	Melvin	Ford	Sat.	41	..	..	1	1	..	..	9	..	..	32	..	9	1
Moultrie	158	Sullivan	Moultrie	Tues.	72	2	4	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	67	..	28	6
Beaucoup	159	Pinckneyville	Perry	Wed.	102	3	1	..	..	..	..	19	..	1	86	1	31	20
Warren	160	Monmouth	Warren	Mon.	113	5	..	..	1	..	..	4	1	2	110	..	36	12
Newton	161	Newton	Jasper	Sat.	40	1	..	1	2	..	..	5	..	..	35	..	20	3
Newark	162	Newark	Kendall	Thur.	16	6	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	20	..	6	..
New Endeavor	163	Rutland	LaSalle	Wed.	60	2	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	58	..	16	10
Savanna	164	Savanna	Carroll	Mon.	43	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	43	1	17	4
Flatwoods	165	Grantsburg	Johnson	*Closd*	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
Teutonia	166	Springfield	Sangamon	Wed.	64	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	66	..	34	3
Valley	167	Cherry Valley	Winnebago	Wed.	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	.
Albany	168	Albany	Whiteside	Thur.	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..
Allendale	169	Allendale	Wabash	Tues.	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	39	..	13	3
Raritan	170	Raritan	Henderson	Tues.	27	2	..	..	3	..	..	5	..	..	21	..	11	7
Little Rock	171	Plano	Kendall	Tues.	72	..	2	..	2	..	..	10	1	2	59	..	10	8
Geneseo	172	Geneseo	Henry	Tues.	58	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	1	57	..	17	8
Pecatonica	173	Pecatonica	Winnebago	Mon.	29	2	..	2	1	1	..	4	..	1	26	..	15	3
Sterling	174	Sterling	Whiteside	Mon.	107	4	..	1	2	..	..	6	..	1	103	..	28	9
Marengo	175	Marengo	McHenry	Tues.	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	20	..	3	..
Logan	176	Atlanta	Logan	Wed.	105	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	104	..	34	10
Pocahontas	177	Pocahontas	Bond	Sat.	30	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	28	..	11	3
Crystal Fount	178	Dover	Bureau	Tues.	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	3
Queen City	179	Centralia	Marion	Fri.	72	6	1	1	1	..	..	5	1	1	72	..	18	12
Richland	180	Olney	Richland	Mon.	100	3	1	2	1	..	..	7	..	3	95	..	28	13
Sth. Somonauk	181	Somonauk	DeKalb	Sat.	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	12	..	6	7
Esbcol	182	Raleigh	Saline	Tues.	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	18	..	10	2
DeWitt	183	Parnell	DeWitt	Sat.	32	..	1	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	23	..	14	2
Abingdon	184	Abingdon	Knox	Fri.	75	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77	..	40	13
New Home	185	Karber's Ridge	Hardin	Sat.	69	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	69	..	15	15
Celestial	186	Decatur	Macon	Mon.	137	3	..	2	..	..	..	8	..	2	132	..	41	9

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Weeks' Benefits Paid.	W. F. Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers	Paid for Relief of W. Families	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Paid Special Relief.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.	Receipts for Dues.	Receipts for Initiations, etc.	From Interest and Rents.	Receipts from other Sources.	Expenditures	Invested Funds.
6	..	$24 00	.....	....	$11 00	.....	$35 00	$143 50	$118 50	$18 00	$7 00	.....	$140 94	$804 44
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	13 00	.....	46 00	258 42	136 42	122 00	.....	.....	135 65	853 00
24	1	64 00	$4 25	.....	48 75	$90 54	207 54	574 30	275 10	51 50	30 10	$217 60	627 37	2931 81
71	..	256 00	.....	.....	10 00	44 10	310 10	426 61	320 65	41 00	37 69	27 27	700 18	2012 33
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	35 00	.....	71 00	2601 82	549 35	50 00	2002 47	.....	1940 70	19423 39
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	66 00	234 15	195 65	15 00	.....	23 50	237 91	1774 88
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	28 00	98 00	77 05	20 95	.....	.....	53 80	856 20
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	237 10	164 35	72 75	.....	.....	206 04	887 82
231	..	693 00	.....	.....	39 35	50 00	782 35	1041 20	781 00	102 00	105 85	52 35	977 65	1832 76
13	1	447 50	1 00	.....	10 00	112 00	570 50	1049 60	404 90	92 00	401 85	150 85	1220 53	2012 05
16	1	48 00	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	63 00	431 95	192 20	52 75	187 00	.....	358 94	3098 22
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7	..	21 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	46 00	75 15	51 15	14 00	5 00	5 00	184 94	496 82
14	1	49 00	1 00	....	10 00	.....	60 00	264 35	215 35	49 00	.....	.....	193 64	1059 62
33	1	99 00	18 43	.....	11 00	30 00	158 43	517 13	277 63	57 50	55 50	126 50	537 47	2170 51
39	..	112 00	.....	.....	58 00	128 00	298 00	974 78	580 94	89 70	299 98	4 16	1862 79	3986 99
9	..	54 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	59 00	862 70	505 45	357 25	.....	.....	784 65	811 25
62	..	82 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	132 00	401 55	196 55	75 00	80 00	50 00	381 50	1949 95
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	233 15	146 50	5 20	80 75	70	261 25	2124 89
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63	..	252 00	.....	.....	1 00	40 00	293 00	1262 01	340 76	18 00	899 75	3 50	1348 33	7272 94
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9	1	27 00	5 00	.....	25 00	6 50	63 50	548 50	320 60	100 50	98 40	29 00	339 16	1772 71
41	..	123 00	.....	....	43 05	.....	166 05	475 85	215 35	114 50	123 50	22 50	518 63	847 25
17	..	59 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	21 00	117 10	86 85	15 00	15 25	.....	88 86	816 57
41	1	123 00	25 00	....	10 00	87 00	245 00	313 45	287 45	26 00	.....	.....	430 94	1125 00
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6	..	18 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	23 00	67 66	67 66	.....	.....	.....	120 60	321 74
36	..	141 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	156 00	304 50	217 00	25 50	62 00	.....	172 40	958 81
2	..	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	545 20	255 25	92 40	153 80	43 75	457 23	870 80
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58	..	174 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	179 00	508 80	289 05	36 00	66 25	117 50	464 77	3728 90
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71	..	355 00	.....	.....	39 45	90 00	484 45	1036 65	538 40	102 50	277 80	117 95	931 89	4333 62
7	1	21 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	36 00	216 17	151 57	24 00	40 60	.....	128 66	1434 41
...	..	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	7 00	224 93	59 93	125 00	40 00	.....	75 00	849 00
22	..	66 00	.....	.....	4 25	.....	70 25	368 22	245 07	19 00	104 15	.....	308 48	1267 14
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8	..	40 00	.....	.....	11 00	71 30	122 30	635 30	378 05	88 50	103 75	65 00	451 74	2474 83
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13	..	39 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 00	178 10	118 30	29 00	29 40	1 40	109 24	1372 39
42	..	82 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	152 00	129 10	125 00	2 00	2 10	.....	144 13	656 00
29	..	87 00	.....	.....	24 00	24 75	135 75	425 04	200 56	42 50	181 98	.....	589 81	1488 40
29	1	87 00	1 00	.....	.....	25 83	113 83	165 90	98 65	32 00	34 90	35	273 04	655 64
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64	..	256 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	262 00	627 40	379 20	50 00	197 00	1 20	518 48	4944 36
23	..	69 00	.....	.....	6 00	62 75	137 75	136 89	85 89	51 00	.....	.....	205 00	482 04
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	26 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	..	68 00	.....	.....	11 00	40 00	119 00	479 15	319 40	118 00	.....	41 75	334 46	956 29
98	..	143 00	.....	.....	10 30	50 00	203 30	837 04	505 84	52 20	277 00	2 00	651 46	2688 58
19	..	57 00	10 00	.....	15 00	.....	82 00	96 30	60 00	.....	36 30	.....	124 05	739 57
13	.	26 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	46 00	64 60	60 60	.....	4 00	.....	116 00	191 97
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	16 00	122 00	70 00	.....	52 00	.....	75 87	1133 89
26	..	104 00	.....	.....	37 00	.....	141 00	509 42	283 15	19 50	199 52	7 25	424 57	4851 62
30	.	90 00	.....	.....	5 00	60 00	155 00	255 70	217 70	3 00	35 00	.....	210 00	1074 45
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Danby	187	Wheaton	DuPage	Mon.	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	21	..	21	1
New Boston	188	New Boston	Mercer	Mon.	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	46	1	19	11
Carmi	189	Carmi	White	Thur.	44	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	48	..	13	4
Irving Park	190	Irving Park	Cook	Tues.	69	1	4	1	8	..	..	3	..	1	63	..	18	2
Hamilton	191	McLeansboro	Hamilton	Mon.	43	2	4	2	..	..	..	8	..	..	43	..	17	3
Girard	192	Girard	Macoupin	Fri.	65	2	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	2	63	..	24	8
Tranquil	193	Oquawka	Henderson	Fri.	42	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	39	..	22	6
Lena	194	Lena	Stephenson	Mon.	28	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	1	26	..	17	6
Greenfield	195	Greenfield	Greene	Sat.	35	5	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	41	..	15	11
Calumet	196	Chillicothe	Peoria	Tues.	116	5	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	114	..	28	15
Polo	197	Polo	Ogle	Mon.	107	2	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	1	105	..	28	18
Colfax	198	Grand Crossing	Cook	Thur.	87	11	2	..	2	..	..	3	..	1	94	1	16	3
Cambridge	199	Cambridge	Henry	Tues	43	2	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	47	1	17	3
SCHILLER	200	Pekin	Tazewell	Wed.	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	34	..	23	3
Juniata	201	Marseilles	LaSalle	Mon.	32	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	25	..	19	2
Litchfield	202	Litchfield	Montgomery	Fri.	46	7	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	1	48	..	13	9
Fraternity	203	Swan Creek	Warren	Thur	38	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	15	6
Lincoln	204	Lincoln	Logan	Fri.	97	5	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	103	..	36	7
McDonough	205	Prairie City	McDonough	Fri.	67	..	..	1	5	..	..	5	..	..	58	..	26	9
McLean	206	Lexington	McLean	Fri.	81	1	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	1	78	..	30	15
Siloam	207	Delavan	Tazewell	Tues.	58	..	..	..	1	..	..	19	..	..	38	..	21	2
Onarga	208	Onarga	Iroquois	Thur	56	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	59	1	22	2
Cortland	209	Cortland	DeKalb	Sat.	15	1	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	12	..	7	..
Mercer	210	Keithsburg	Mercer	Tues.	68	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	70	1	28	9
Cedar	211	Mason	Effingham	Tues.	27	1	..	..	3	..	..	5	..	..	20	..	10	2
Sandwich	212	Sandwich	DeKalb	Mon.	93	6	1	3	..	..	..	10	..	..	93	1	30	18
Orphans' Hope	213	Xenia	Clay	Tues.	53	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	50	..	23	12
Fort Dearborn	214	Chicago	Cook.	Tues	180	3	..	1	1	..	..	8	..	3	172	..	54	19
Camp Point	215	Camp Point	Adams	Wed.	132	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	136	1	47	31
Loogootee	216	Loogootee	Fayette	Sat.	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	27	..	13	8
Cicero	217	Oak Park	Cook	Thur.	82	3	3	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	74	..	22	5
Howard	218	Kankakee	Kankakee	Mon.	58	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	60	..	19	5
WILHELM TELL	219	Joliet	Will	Tues.	31	3	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	33	..	17	5
Travelers' Rest	220	Gillespie	Macoupin	Mon.	23	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	20	..	12	3
HARMONIA	221	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	73	2	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	71	..	35	4
Temple	222	Nauvoo	Hancock	Wed.	72	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	75	..	18	8
Avon	223	Avon	Fulton	Tues	63	24	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	88	1	22	3
Alexander	224	Cairo	Alexander	Thur.	90	2	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	3	83	..	22	17
Sidell	225	Sidell	Vermilion	Sat.	109	3	..	2	..	..	..	9	2	1	102	..	20	8
Scottville	226	Scottville	Macoupin	Sat.	29	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	14	..
Benevolent	227	Whitehall	Greene	Mon.	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	31	..	15	3
Oneida	228	Oneida	Knox	Tues.	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	1
Illinois City	229	Illinois City	Rock Island	Sat.	15	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	15	..	10	1
Hickory Grove	230	Rochelle	Ogle	Thur.	46	10	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	57	..	12	6
*Praha	231	Chicago	Cook	Tues	99	..	..	..	..	..	19	3	..	2	75	..	17	12
Hope	232	DuQuoin	Perry	Thur.	115	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	118	..	34	20
Carbondale	233	Carbondale	Jackson	Mon.	64	1	..	..	2	..	..	11	..	2	50	..	17	6
West Jersey	234	West Jersey	Stark	Fri.	30	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	27	..	6	..
Monitor	235	Bone Gap	Edwards	Sat.	49	..	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	44	..	16	10
Aledo	236	Aledo	Mercer	Mon.	73	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	1	..	65	..	29	5
Treasury	237	Rantoul	Champaign	Sat.	93	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	95	..	23	6
Fernwood	238	Fernwood	Cook	Fri.	92	9	1	..	2	..	..	9	..	1	90	..	..	15
FREEPORT	239	Freeport	Stephenson	Mon.	91	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	88	..	43	4
Cook County	240	Englewood	Cook	Wed.	245	34	9	2	2	..	..	22	..	1	265	..	33	18
Southern	241	Jonesboro	Union	Wed.	61	..	1	2	..	..	..	8	1	..	55	1	24	9
Williams	242	Spring Garden	Jefferson	Sat.	22	2	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	21	..	10	6
Urania	243	Jacksonville	Morgan	Mon.	168	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	163	..	36	26
Wyoming	244	Wyoming	Stark	Tues.	68	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	67	..	21	6
North Fork	245	Roseville	Vermilion	Thur.	35	2	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	37	..	8	5
Maywood	246	Maywood	Cook	Tues.	48	5	..	1	1	..	..	5	1	..	47	1	13	6
Eleroy	247	Eleroy	Stephenson	Sat.	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	22	..	10	3
Asbury	248	Long Prairie	Wayne	Sat.	12	4	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	15	..	9	1
Sumner	249	Sumner	Lawrence	Thur.	89	9	3	1	3	..	..	6	1	..	92	..	16	5

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36	..	108 00	.....	.....	10 00	$40 00	158 00	169 08	162 76	.....	$5 00	1 32	243 45	1082 51
17	..	63 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	68 00	320 05	214 01	$85 50	20 54	.....	198 27	914 84
13	..	65 00	.....	.....	26 50	.....	91 50	446 35	390 67	47 50	8 18	.....	367 65	1390 06
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	16 00	152 00	108 00	44 00	.....	.....	140 40	512 96
46	1	138 00	$3 72	.....	5 00	76 05	222 77	465 00	386 25	34 00	44 75	.....	461 22	2022 42
18	..	54 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	60 00	251 85	180 15	19 00	52 00	70	218 76	1607 32
..	..	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	160 23	58 35	101 88	.....	.....	233 06	1789 23
75	..	225 00	.....	.....	39 50	.....	264 50	251 05	142 05	109 00	.....	.....	317 40	562 15
41	..	117 00	.....	.....	40 75	.....	157 75	1237 45	495 50	128 50	598 50	14 95	898 39	4929 34
95	1	283 00	10 00	.....	77 00	75 00	445 00	1110 80	621 56	40 70	448 54	.....	354 88	8362 64
17	1	68 00	12 27	.....	40 25	93 12	213 64	2352 62	585 52	195 00	1163 50	408 60	2835 37	3675 10
34	..	102 00	.....	.....	30 00	.....	132 00	573 23	196 95	49 20	170 00	157 08	540 27	2316 99
4	..	16 00	.....	.....	7 00	54 00	77 00	235 95	199 35	.....	5 75	30 85	296 78	886 07
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	12 05	.....	30 05	142 14	81 45	.....	58 34	2 35	189 75	596 66
25	..	77 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	87 00	361 72	264 32	81 20	16 20	.....	354 86	264 47
22	..	66 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	68 00	130 60	99 10	16 00	9 90	5 60	92 79	1134 53
12	..	48 00	.....	$10 00	70 70	.....	158 70	978 80	523 00	192 25	262 05	1 50	763 73	5502 14
36	..	96 00	.....	.....	5 00	80 00	181 00	405 25	236 97	15 40	113 76	39 12	368 87	2215 00
52	..	156 00	.....	.....	65 00	.....	221 00	614 40	395 50	28 20	190 00	70	646 46	7641 33
6	..	12 00	.....	.....	24 00	.....	36 00	575 95	109 85	.....	448 10	18 00	211 22	1380 58
52	..	156 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	158 00	1945 08	264 50	55 00	705 58	920 00	1480 19	2465 27
...	..	.....	.....	.....	5 00	90 00	95 00	99 82	49 99	29 50	11 33	9 00	185 30	1619 40
49	1	145 00	4 50	.....	30 00	35 00	214 50	854 70	243 30	59 00	550 00	2 40	571 36	7621 78
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	337 55	97 55	14 00	156 00	70 00	326 12	1372 43
65	..	195 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	195 00	1231 04	444 45	134 00	612 59	40 00	1185 85	4527 30
27	..	81 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	92 00	370 55	168 85	5 00	160 00	36 70	70 15	2557 69
197	5	864 00	70 00	.....	152 00	285 95	1371 95	2215 20	1032 65	81 50	744 35	356 70	2445 33	13349 86
115	..	345 00	25 00	.....	11 00	.....	381 00	1329 43	524 40	90 00	343 45	371 58	731 92	6667 08
18	..	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 00	135 25	111 00	.....	24 25	.....	145 84	468 99
35	..	147 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	172 00	110 70	297 70	65 00	746 0	.....	1448 75	5606 72
25	..	100 00	.....	.....	58 75	63 50	222 25	955 45	319 00	143 00	489 45	4 00	589 75	1694 90
12	..	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	248 35	171 15	61 00	6 00	10 20	190 00	572 14
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	26 00	52 55	51 50	.....	.....	1 05	42 42	225 29
15	..	75 00	.....	.....	19 50	30 00	124 50	2054 20	409 50	36 00	1569 50	39 20	2008 89	12376 97
13	..	47 50	.....	.....	8 00	8 73	64 23	495 95	308 10	76 00	77 50	34 35	316 75	1624 63
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18	..	72 00	.....	.....	30 00	110 45	212 45	614 95	456 60	89 00	.....	69 35	465 23	3212 64
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7	..	21 00	.....	.....	31 65	20 00	72 65	362 38	172 98	5 00	41 00	143 40	305 47	1926 50
6	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	..	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	6 00	167 12	74 94	36 00	54 20	1 98	130 87	1000 30
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	31 00	.....	67 00	482 60	177 85	109 00	179 50	16 25	393 66	2226 01
47	1	255 00	5 00	.....	26 00	50 00	326 00	523 50	460 50	15 00	48 00	.....	435 91	1295 56
96	7	336 00	35 00	.....	224 48	85 00	680 48	2571 95	757 40	81 00	1181 25	552 30	3018 30	15476 90
25	..	62 50	.....	.....	5 00	41 65	109 15	300 70	229 45	20 75	.....	50 50	217 87	737 85
...	..	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	20 00	152 94	86 50	5 00	61 44	.....	85 51	1446 70
17	1	51 00	10 10	.....	5 00	.....	66 10	189 15	174 15	3 00	12 00	.....	116 84	1169 90
14	1	42 00	5 00	.....	11 00	.....	58 00	254 29	215 24	5 00	.....	4 05	287 52	2054 57
27	..	108 00	1 00	.....	5 00	8 75	122 75	679 89	311 89	20 00	348 00	.....	220 75	3400 67
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155	..	450 00	.....	.....	114 77	133 30	698 07	4653 25	1331 27	659 00	.....	2662 98	1486 21	7708 15
17	..	51 00	.....	.....	36 00	.....	87 00	183 16	170 56	12 60	.....	.....	304 89	2097 69
35	..	96 00	.....	.....	10 55	.....	106 55	88 25	40 25	35 00	.....	13 00	75 00	556 74
201	20	804 00	188 30	108 30	2 00	214 85	1317 45	1411 13	1082 80	52 00	255 00	21 33	2076 16	5133 29
22	..	66 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	73 00	403 20	231 20	36 00	133 00	.....	441 02	2014 42
28	..	96 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	116 00	209 13	122 13	22 00	65 00	.....	443 30	816 79
5	..	12 00	.....	.....	67 00	.....	79 00	594 65	282 88	104 00	207 77	.....	520 92	921 27
18	..	54 00	.....	.....	.....	45 00	99 00	72 03	54 03	...	18 00	.....	150 35	703 51
1	..	2 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	7 00	83 07	18 92	62 65	1 50	.....	39 43	128 64
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 00	1104 33	396 40	123 70	82 50	501 73	1171 85	3929 45

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Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1896.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Re-instated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1897.	Rejected.	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Mound City	250	Mound City	Pulaski	Tues.	52	5	3	1	1	..	..	8	1	..	51	..	17	8
Belknap	251	Belknap	Johnson	Mon.	34	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	34	..	13	21
Homer	252	Homer	Champaign	Fri.	81	..	..	..	2	..	..	6	..	..	73	..	..	1
Farmers	253	Milford	Iroquois	Sat.	45	3	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	46	..	18	8
Prairie View	254	Longview	Champaign	Sat.	39	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	10	2
Forest	255	Wapella	DeWitt	Sat.	46	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	45	..	21	6
Maquon	256	Maquon	Knox	Wed.	61	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	64	..	16	10
Grove	257	Morrison	Whiteside	Tues.	175	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	2	..	167	1	40	25
Charter Oak	258	Bunker Hill	Macoupin	Sat.	53	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	52	..	30	24
Ridgely	259	Warren	JoDaviess	Tues.	25	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	25	..	15	6
Coles County	260	Mattoon	Coles	Tues	163	15	..	2	..	..	..	18	2	..	160	..	62	23
Atlas	261	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	216	19	3	4	1	..	..	21	..	..	220	1	18	19
Pontiac	262	Pontiac	Livingston	Thur.	123	1	1	..	1	..	1	3	..	1	119	..	41	16
New Hope	263	Blandinsville	McDonough	Mon.	38	15	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	52	..	10	6
De Soto	264	De Soto	Jackson	Wed.	37	5	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	2	40	..	13	17
Evergreen City	265	Bloomington	McLean	Thur.	142	10	..	3	1	..	1	10	..	2	141	..	38	23
Stillman Valley	266	Stillman Vall'y	Ogle	Tues.	55	..	1	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	49	..	6	5
Iris	267	Millersburg	Mercer	Sat.	35	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	38	..	12	6
Rochester	268	Rochester	Sangamon	Sat.	18	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	18	..	15	..
Elsah	269	Elsah	Jersey	Sat.	39	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	39	..	24	7
La Clyde	270	Golden	Adams	Tues.	50	7	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	52	..	15	6
Fortschritt	271	Colehour	Cook	Tues.	57	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	..	18	6
Spartan	272	East Paw Paw	DeKalb	*Cons.*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bible Grove	273	Bible Grove	Clay	Sat.	23	9	1	4	1	..	..	2	..	..	34	..	15	6
Shelby	274	Moweaqua	Shelby	Thur.	33	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	32	..	16	..
Grove City	275	Grove City	Christian	Sat.	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	36	..	13	2
Milmine	276	Milmine	Piatt	Thur.	34	5	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	32	..	12	1
Milton	277	Milton	Pike	Fri.	65	4	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	1	62	..	15	6
Compromise	278	Gifford	Champaign	Sat.	40	3	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	34	1	7	1
Webber	279	Marlow	Jefferson	Sat.	12	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	11	..	5	1
Ora	280	Oraville	Jackson	Sat.	35	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	30	..	7	5
Wicker Park	281	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	192	12	..	1	3	..	..	11	..	1	190	..	17	16
Bridgeport	282	Okawville	Washington	Sat.	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	37	..	22	3
Wenona	283	Wenona	Marshall	Mon.	36	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	12	3
Charity	284	Benton	Franklin	Thur.	44	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	46	..	16	1
Egypt's Star	285	Red Bud	Randolph	Wed.	46	1	2	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	44	..	9	2
HUMBOLDT	286	Mascoutah	St. Clair	Mon.	68	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	67	..	21	16
Liberty	287	Liberty	Adams	Mon.	47	4	1	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	47	..	25	6
Jackson Park	288	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	97	10	1	2	2	..	..	13	..	2	93	..	11	..
Arcola	289	Arcola	Douglas	Thur.	98	4	1	1	..	..	..	16	..	2	86	..	28	8
Livingston	290	Fairbury	Livingston	Tues.	124	4	2	2	2	..	..	7	..	..	123	..	38	10
Hiawatha	291	Anna	Union	Sat.	109	4	1	1	2	..	..	11	3	2	97	..	28	9
Golconda	292	Golconda	Pope	Tues.	42	..	1	2	..	1	..	4	1	1	38	..	20	7
Mendota	293	Mendota	LaSalle	Mon.	69	6	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	75	..	18	10
Shabbona	294	Earlville	LaSalle	Tues.	31	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	27	..	18	5
WESTERN	295	Peoria	Peoria	Thur.	107	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	105	..	34	15
Cabery	296	Cabery	Ford	Tues.	37	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	34	..	7	..
Brocton	297	Brocton	Edgar	Sat.	108	12	4	1	..	..	..	7	..	1	117	..	17	3
Tonica	298	Tonica	LaSalle	Wed.	28	5	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	..	32	1	10	2
Cosmopolitan	299	Chicago	Cook	Thur	57	6	1	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	61	..	8	10
Mount Zion	300	Mount Zion	Macon	Sat.	57	2	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	52	..	19	..
Will	301	Wilmington	Will	Mon.	27	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	26	..	14	4
Ashley	302	Ashley	Washington	Tues.	15	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	12	..
CONCORDIA	303	Aurora	Kane	Tues.	46	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	42	..	20	4
Coal Valley	304	Coal Valley	Rock Island	Wed.	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	16	3
UHLAND	305	Bloomington	McLean	Wed.	114	5	..	1	2	..	3	4	..	3	108	..	42	19
NATIONAL	306	Washington	Tazewell	Wed.	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	..	22	3
Elkhart	307	Elkhart	Logan	Sat.	45	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	45	..	24	6
Green Valley	308	Green Valley	Tazewell	Sat.	25	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	25	..	11	1
Browning	309	Browning	Schuyler	Sat.	23	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	23	..	14	2
Unity	310	Mt Sterling	Brown	Mon.	99	8	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	1	102	..	14	9
Olio	311	Eureka	Woodford	Thur.	42	4	1	2	..	..	..	4	1	..	44	..	18	6
Clayton	312	Sparland	Marshall	Mon.	42	1	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	1	36	..	16	6

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32	..	$120 00	.....	.....	$6 05	$55 15	$181 20	$743 70	$289 35	$97 20	$347 15	$10 00	$709 47	$2822 80
46	..	138 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	143 00	170 79	119 79	.....	51 00	.....	111 00	854 85
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	17 00	.....	44 00	309 54	213 79	62 00	33 75	.....	170 66	2910 37
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	81 47	81 47	.....	.....	.....	57 00	200 00
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	53 00	459 60	142 55	27 00	289 35	70	386 37	1425 59
12	1	36 00	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	42 00	341 87	217 70	96 67	27 50	.....	335 38	1587 70
84	1	252 00	1 00	.....	48 75	.....	301 75	951 03	749 85	15 00	151 88	34 30	1149 63	6236 33
135	..	301 05	.....	.....	12 00	170 00	483 05	538 95	313 80	15 00	206 65	3 50	714 22	2187 15
89	..	267 00	.....	.....	1 00	40 00	308 00	210 20	90 45	15 00	104 75	.....	466 11	2503 61
209	2	627 00	22 15	.....	1 00	75 00	725 15	2242 29	764 97	222 70	883 42	371 20	2164 20	7546 33
118	..	502 00	.....	.....	62 60	.....	564 60	1784 87	1227 95	429 00	60 00	67 92	1431 85	4949 00
38	..	190 00	.....	.....	67 50	.....	257 50	724 95	674 95	40 00	.....	10 00	566 77	8753 39
8	..	21 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	26 00	320 65	183 15	101 00	36 50	.....	68 30	835 62
30	..	90 00	.....	.....	11 00	84 00	185 00	544 57	222 53	110 00	130 04	82 00	452 70	1441 50
96	..	377 00	.....	.....	5 00	265 00	647 00	1646 93	651 96	153 40	433 50	408 07	1689 23	2864 55
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11	..	33 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	35 00	259 14	153 02	33 00	73 12	.....	304 58	1871 43
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16	1	48 00	1 00	.....	10 00	40 00	99 00	536 85	124 60	4 00	406 25	2 00	309 31	6070 90
14	2	42 00	6 00	.....	30 00	.....	78 00	256 90	155 90	89 00	12 00	.....	209 71	795 36
11	..	65 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	90 00	445 20	329 50	51 00	.....	64 70	176 50	967 89
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14	..	42 00	.....	.....	5 00	90 00	137 00	101 77	54 90	.....	46 87	.....	249 30	1219 05
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20	1	60 00	.....	.....	5 00	31 50	96 50	338 60	239 10	79 00	20 00	50	240 90	1089 91
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	590 75	133 25	45 00	407 50	5 00	574 88	1711 98
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	70 55	32 55	38 00	.....	.....	37 55	57 05
12	..	36 00	5 00	42 00	22 25	35 00	140 25	216 90	107 90	9 00	100 00	.....	257 30	710 47
54	..	270 00	5 00	.....	21 00	70 00	366 00	1387 65	1061 75	297 00	.....	28 90	1497 68	4667 79
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	31 20	66 90	137 10	310 34	201 30	.....	109 04	.....	335 77	1436 51
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	134 00	100 00	34 00	.....	.....	100 00	600 00
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2	..	6 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	17 00	273 50	176 80	19 00	77 70	.....	146 85	1068 26
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11	..	33 00	.....	.....	41 00	.....	74 00	345 80	174 95	58 00	112 85	.....	180 15	2850 76
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25	..	75 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	105 00	410 31	319 31	66 00	25 00	.....	133 00	1583 86
24	..	80 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	86 00	1367 51	596 83	100 50	179 75	490 43	1372 61	8195 73
48	..	137 00	.....	.....	.....	130 00	267 00	1212 06	402 21	56 20	753 65	.....	914 10	5068 83
38	1	114 00	10 00	.....	6 00	30 00	160 00	342 71	192 83	32 00	50 48	67 40	245 50	4062 87
22	2	66 00	20 00	.....	20 43	.....	106 43	545 95	263 20	117 00	165 75	.....	295 37	3140 83
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	203 65	128 65	8 00	67 00	.....	156 28	704 10
37	1	185 00	5 00	.....	46 00	400 00	636 00	1124 45	916 50	53 00	.....	154 95	1340 92	2663 96
...	..	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	242 40	159 40	3 50	79 50	.....	269 20	921 69
7	..	25 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	75 00	818 30	543 30	250 00	25 00	.....	800 00	2068 00
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26	..	100 00	.....	.....	104 57	.....	204 57	473 56	335 81	83 00	.....	54 75	504 04	1178 47
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12	..	36 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	61 00	236 25	117 50	22 00	96 75	.....	221 14	875 18
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10	..	27 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	47 00	183 60	183 60	.....	.....	.....	153 56	1182 57
117	..	358 00	.....	.....	.....	250 00	608 00	1162 60	659 30	70 00	433 30	.....	1312 90	2832 40
8	1	28 00	.....	.....	5 00	50 00	83 00	241 20	212 20	.....	29 00	.....	197 70	1064 50
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2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	101 95	82 10	10 40	9 45	.....	99 01	925 43
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	13 00	138 37	65 12	10 00	63 25	.....	53 26	1541 09
46	..	138 00	.....	.....	84 50	79 00	301 50	647 99	436 20	155 00	56 79	.....	421 05	1854 22
25	..	100 00	.....	.....	42 35	.....	142 35	549 60	208 75	101 00	239 85	.....	520 03	1718 08
17	..	51 00	.....	.....	5 07	.....	56 07	265 40	189 10	32 00	40 00	4 30	191 66	1093 18

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Enfield	312	Enfield	White	Sat	34	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	33	..	22	2
Maroa	314	Maroa	Macon	Thur.	125	1	1	1	4	..	6	1	..	2	115	..	29	17
Macedonia	315	Macedonia	Hamilton	Sat	41	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	39	..	20	4
Tuscola	316	Tuscola	Douglas	Tues.	123	5	..	3	..	..	..	15	..	1	115	..	43	10
Butler	317	Butler	Montgomery	Sat	9	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	7	..
Niantic	318	Niantic	Macon	Tues.	28	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	29	..	19	5
Guiding Star	319	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	105	5	1	1	..	1	..	12	1	1	97	1	15	15
Tremont	320	Tremont	Tazewell	Wed.	27	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	24	..	10	..
STEUBEN	321	Galena	JoDaviess	Wed.	94	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	3	88	..	34	17
Bushnell	322	Bushnell	McDonough	Tues.	161	5	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	163	..	38	28
Globe	323	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	Tues.	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	25	..	16	3
Vernon	324	Vernon	Marion	Thur.	40	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	34	..	16	1
Reliance	325	Edgar	Edgar	Sat	58	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	12	18
LESSING	326	Ottawa	LaSalle	Wed.	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	45	..	26	11
Blue Island	327	Blue Island	Cook	Tues.	130	1	3	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	122	..	19	6
Central Park	328	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	152	23	2	1	2	..	..	11	1	1	163	..	18	20
GOETHE	329	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	161	8	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	167	..	42	18
Moreland	330	Moreland	Cook	Thur.	75	1	1	1	1	1	..	5	..	1	70	..	9	8
Nonpareil	331	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	149	5	2	2	6	..	..	19	..	1	132	..	19	14
Sherman	332	Nokomis	Montgomery	Tues	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	45	..	18	1
Champaign	333	Champaign	Champaign	Thur.	119	1	1	1	2	..	..	12	..	1	107	..	29	10
Adar	334	Pana	Christian	Tues.	52	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	54	..	19	7
Imperial	335	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	74	11	4	..	4	..	..	10	..	1	74	1	7	10
Barry	336	Barry	Pike	Wed.	100	1	..	3	1	..	..	13	..	5	85	..	34	11
Mason City	337	Mason City	Mason	Thur.	78	1	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	74	1	25	4
BELLEVILLE	338	Belleville	St. Clair	Mon.	85	1	..	1	4	..	..	11	..	4	68	..	24	14
Bell Air	339	Bell Air	Crawford	Tues.	14	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	11	5
Vesta	340	Vienna	Johnson	Fri.	52	6	3	7	2	..	..	2	..	1	43	..	13	2
Oak	341	Ashland	Cass	Tues.	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	14	1
Carrollton	342	Carrollton	Greene	Fri.	76	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	75	..	27	10
Dongola	343	Dongola	Union	Tues.	41	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	..	2
Irwin	344	Bement	Piatt	Fri.	36	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	18	4
MOZART	345	Lincoln	Logan	Thur	87	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	88	..	28	14
Cerro Gordo	346	Cerro Gordo	Piatt	Wed.	78	2	..	..	2	..	..	11	..	..	67	1	19	6
Neoga	347	Neoga	Cumberland	Tues.	27	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	21	..	8	2
Palmyra	348	Palmyra	Macoupin	Fri.	34	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	1	29	..	11	4
Sheldon	349	Sheldon	Iroquois	Sat	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	11	1
Carlinville	350	Carlinville	Macoupin	Mon.	43	4	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	1	46	..	26	3
Rockwood	351	Rockwood	Randolph	Sat	19	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	19	..	9	..
Albion	352	Albion	Edwards	Fri	57	..	..	..	4	..	..	7	..	..	46	..	9	3
HOFFNUNG	353	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	92	3	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	4	89	..	26	11
Rosedale	354	Kinmundy	Marion	Sat.	64	4	1	2	10	..	..	..	..	3	58	..	26	8
Toledo	355	Toledo	Cumberland	Mon	48	2	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	44	..	17	4
Lynnville	356	Lynnville	Morgan	Mon	50	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	49	..	25	8
Gem City	357	Quincy	Adams	Fri	145	4	2	2	..	1	..	19	..	..	133	..	24	17
Guthrie	358	Guthrie	Ford	Sat	36	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	35	..	..	1
Elliott	359	Elliott	Ford	Thur.	59	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	63	..	15	11
Cary	360	Cary	McHenry	Mon.	55	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	52	..	9	5
John Ericsson	361	Englewood	Cook	Mon	121	15	1	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	129	1	9	15
Congress	362	Chicago	Cook	Mon	166	13	4	4	6	..	..	11	..	2	168	..	17	9
Williamsville	363	Williamsville	Sangamon	Tues.	38	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	..	33	..	11	1
Mizpah	364	Philo	Champaign	Mon.	39	7	1	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	41	..	17	..
ADAMS	365	Quincy	Adams	Mon.	103	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	3	95	..	36	17
Brighton	366	Brighton	Macoupin	Mon.	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	23	..	10	4
Freedom	367	Chicago	Cook	Fri	86	5	..	..	2	..	..	16	..	..	73	..	6	8
Athensville	368	Athensville	Greene	Sat.	15	5	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	18	..	7	1
Enterprise	369	W Belleville	St. Clair	Sat.	84	9	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	4	83	1	24	20
Yates City	370	Yates City	Knox	Tues.	42	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	44	..	21	8
Bardolph	371	Bardolph	McDonough	Mon.	33	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	38	..	13	5
J. R. Scroggs	372	Orangeville	Stephenson	Sat.	76	3	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	78	..	31	4
Ezel	373	Fowler	Adams	Sat.	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	8	..	7	..
Golden Rule	374	East St. Louis	St. Clair	Tues	131	3	1	1	2	..	..	14	..	2	118	..	30	24
Eldorado	375	Eldorado	Saline	Thur.	44	2	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	30	..	3	..

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Weeks' Benefits Paid.	W. F. Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of W. Families.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Paid Special Relief.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.	Receipts for Dues.	Receipts for Initiations, etc.	From Interest and Rents.	Receipts from Other Sources.	Expenditures.	Invested Funds.
5	..	$15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$15 00	$169 42	$68 92	$2 00	$98 50	.....	$184 93	$785 25
75	..	300 00	.....	.....	$11 05	$80 00	391 05	958 26	899 26	14 00	40 00	$5 00	867 00	1466 11
23	..	19 00	.....	$10 00	5 00	.....	84 00	266 87	101 75	13 30	151 82	.....	241 70	2427 02
62	1	256 00	$6 00	.....	10 50	80 00	352 50	1196 95	569 35	90 60	371 00	166 00	1128 19	5070 14
...	..	.....	.....	.....	11 10	.....	11 10	70 13	11 13	21 00	38 00	.....	39 82	797 39
6	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	222 05	136 90	45 20	39 95	.....	170 51	1949 66
44	..	220 00	.....	5 00	22 00	148 50	395 50	804 81	694 12	102 00	.....	8 69	1016 01	1714 66
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124 20	86 45	.....	37 75	.....	124 24	349 20
168	27	413 00	182 95	.....	11 10	120 00	727 05	894 70	557 75	6 40	190 65	139 90	1127 42	3780 13
195	3	443 00	36 25	.....	17 00	.....	496 25	1376 81	838 96	129 00	210 25	198 60	763 30	5136 53
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 00	161 16	130 36	.....	30 80	.....	280 92	2076 70
1	1	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	60 00	66 00	184 90	148 90	17 00	19 00	.....	243 90	1106 98
56	..	168 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	169 00	359 55	199 70	75 00	80 00	4 85	402 46	1794 49
29	..	145 00	24 00	.....	11 00	.....	180 00	425 91	290 05	6 50	128 75	61	382 50	2531 53
19	..	57 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	67 00	1145 90	565 20	27 00	508 10	45 60	1155 33	2310 66
156	..	498 00	.....	.....	23 35	40 00	561 35	1367 99	987 25	305 50	.....	75 24	1139 35	3036 11
141	..	486 00	2 00	.....	.....	320 00	808 00	1145 12	915 90	188 00	.....	41 12	1107 65	11661 03
31	..	155 00	.....	43 00	12 00	100 00	310 00	452 00	422 00	30 00	.....	.....	590 21	730 69
117	1	754 00	.....	.....	40 00	125 00	919 00	1429 49	1022 30	129 50	18 32	259 37	1515 70	2622 45
8	..	21 00	1 00	.....	10 00	.....	35 00	217 75	142 75	.....	75 00	.....	119 17	1338 20
23	..	69 00	.....	.....	35 60	113 50	218 10	1659 65	706 85	24 00	919 80	9 00	1646 98	10520 40
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70	..	320 00	.....	.....	10 00	85 59	415 59	601 58	394 53	147 50	.....	59 55	823 28	143 33
66	..	120 00	.....	.....	37 50	184 91	342 41	634 42	322 65	19 00	108 00	184 77	696 08	3025 45
6	..	30 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	40 00	638 35	375 85	26 00	236 50	.....	390 80	5642 41
51	..	181 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	181 00	1109 30	911 00	23 00	175 30	.....	1282 91	3167 68
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	23 0	52 67	37 27	.....	1 40	14 00	34 34	208 78
4	..	6 70	.....	.....	32 00	25 00	63 70	381 95	146 40	70 45	.....	165 10	340 66	1536 57
4	..	12 45	.....	.....	11 00	.....	23 45	219 00	131 75	.....	70 00	17 25	145 35	888 33
67	..	132 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	138 00	277 43	252 43	5 00	20 00	.....	433 63	1628 22
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33	1	176 00	15 00	.....	28 00	50 00	269 00	1002 60	559 25	129 00	299 70	14 65	1021 00	2908 83
59	..	177 00	.....	.....	9 00	.....	186 00	592 27	268 71	33 00	290 56	.....	531 00	3415 35
12	1	60 00	10 00	.....	.....	30 00	100 00	171 00	96 00	.....	75 00	.....	152 00	94 00
23	..	69 00	.....	.....	6 00	25 00	100 0	170 76	61 86	.....	108 90	.....	254 80	2231 29
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	96 50	71 00	.....	25 50	.....	91 90	1032 73
38	..	114 00	.....	.....	13 00	34 00	161 00	419 95	228 75	95 00	96 20	.....	390 10	2807 89
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4	..	12 00	.....	.....	19 00	.....	31 00	222 05	203 80	.....	.....	18 25	182 50	666 64
37	5	175 00	215 50	.....	33 00	75 00	498 50	867 60	510 60	38 00	319 00	.....	847 77	7483 79
45	..	123 00	.....	.....	6 05	105 00	234 05	751 91	253 85	93 50	269 61	134 95	707 23	4498 49
3	..	68 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	68 00	129 90	104 90	25 00	.....	.....	100 92	2528 69
40	..	160 00	.....	12 00	170 70	.....	342 70	427 13	220 04	.....	204 14	2 95	504 34	476 4 55
82	..	271 00	.....	.....	30 00	.....	301 00	942 47	737 75	133 50	30	70 92	735 45	1324 36
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11	1	44 00	10 00	.....	5 00	30 00	89 00	316 48	215 23	41 40	33 00	26 85	382 07	.....
51	..	204 00	.....	.....	90 00	.....	294 00	1253 40	770 50	310 00	.....	172 90	926 03	2048 53
57	3	178 00	30 00	.....	77 25	73 91	359 19	1364 25	890 00	275 00	3 00	196 25	1110 85	3370 71
4	..	12 00	.....	24 50	15 84	.....	52 34	170 55	126 55	.....	42 00	2 00	132 84	621 57
...	..	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	243 17	142 82	100 00	.....	35	239 20	1541 81
132	..	409 40	.....	.....	5 00	400 00	814 40	1391 75	752 60	65 00	339 75	233 40	1542 30	1832 59
15	..	45 00	.....	.....	36 00	.....	81 00	209 79	110 49	16 35	81 45	1 50	401 73	1265 95
72	1	207 00	1 00	.....	5 00	92 00	305 00	528 00	430 00	51 00	.....	47 00	672 60	829 47
2	1	6 10	5 00	.....	26 12	.....	37 22	142 84	20 26	108 08	14 50	.....	99 33	505 83
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12	..	36 00	.....	.....	46 10	.....	82 10	334 28	194 95	27 00	61 63	50 70	183 79	1364 06
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	10 00	30 00	70 00	1063 91	125 00	125 35	.....	813 56	503 61	1225 20
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	25 00	617 00	245 70	85 00	286 30	.....	69 00	7563 85
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4	..	108 37	.....	.....	21 00	.....	129 37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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Davis	376	Davis	Stephenson	Mon.	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	17	..	9	1
Minonk	377	Minonk	Woodford.	Tues.	65	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	65	..	27	4
Spring Valley	378	Spring Valley	Bureau	Tues.	50	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	54	..	10	9
Good Will	379	Forrest	Livingston	Sat.	53	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	56	..	14	6
Guttenburg	380	Spring Valley	Bureau	Wed.	40	15	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	52	..	4	12
Irvington	381	Irvington	Washington	Thur.	30	..	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	25	..	16	1
Ipava	382	Ipava	Fulton	Wed.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clover	383	Woodhull	Henry.	Mon.	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	32	..	23	3
Clay City	384	Clay City	Clay	Sat.	54	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	52	..	17	7
Arbeiter	385	Nashville	Washington	Mon.	28	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	25	..	17	2
Arrow	386	Harrisburg	Saline	Mon.	95	13	5	..	2	..	..	2	1	..	108	..	24	31
Chenoa	387	Chenoa	McLean	Wed.	61	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	59	..	18	1
North Western	388	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	73	..	34	5
Garden City	389	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	75	6	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	81	..	28	5
Kankakee	390	Kankakee	Kankakee	Wed.	31	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	19	6
Edina	391	Streator	LaSalle	Tues.	159	28	3	1	1	..	..	7	..	1	182	..	..	26
Williamson	392	Marion	Williamson	Sat.	54	6	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	60	..	12	2
Ozark	393	Ozark	Johnson	Fri.	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	18	..	7	2
Rome	394	Dix	Jefferson	Fri	22	3	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	26	..	10	3
Alliance	395	Sandoval	Marion	Sat.	87	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	89	..	27	18
Fountain	396	Pulley's Mills	Williamson	Thur.	41	1	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	2	31	..	8	4
Moore's Prairie	397	Opdyke	Jefferson	Sat.	19	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	16	5
Hutten	398	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	89	3	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	86	..	32	17
Tonti	399	Ottawa	LaSalle	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bloomington	400	Bloomington	McLean	Fri.	165	16	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	184	..	24	16
Flat Rock	401	Flat Rock	Crawford	Fri.	31	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	31	..	6	2
Eagle	402	Maplewood	Cook	Tues.	112	11	1	1	1	..	..	13	..	..	111	1	15	21
Selah	403	Monticello	Piatt	Tues.	82	..	1	..	1	..	..	11	..	..	71	..	32	3
Eclipse	404	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	79	10	1	2	2	..	..	5	..	2	83	..	26	10
Apollo	405	Makanda	Jackson	Tues.	38	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	39	..	11	5
Robert Brooker	406	Quincy	Adams	Fri.	49	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	46	..	16	6
Lily of the West	407	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	110	7	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	3	109	..	24	15
Galva	408	Galva	Henry	Mon.	72	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76	..	20	1
Rose	409	Carman	Henderson	Sat.	41	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	7	4
Hazel Dell	410	Hazel Dell	Cumberland	Wed.	25	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	21	..	6	1
Allemania	411	Mendota	LaSalle	Thur.	45	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	45	..	17	2
Bentley	412	Carthage	Hancock	Mon.	103	15	4	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	119	1	25	7
Taylorville	413	Taylorville	Christian	Thur.	69	1	2	..	1	..	..	5	1	..	65	..	27	5
Superior	414	New Holland	Logan	Wed.	41	..	..	..	2	..	..	17	..	..	22	..	5	3
Murrayville	415	Murrayville	Morgan	Sat.	43	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	2	..	38	..	21	4
Home	416	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	192	6	1	..	1	..	..	20	..	1	177	..	46	17
Beacon Light	417	Grand Tower	Jackson	Tues.	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	17	..	10	1
Paxton	418	Paxton	Ford	Mon.	64	6	1	..	1	1	..	2	2	1	64	..	8	..
York Star	419	York	Clark	Sat.	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	8	..	6	..
J. B Turner	420	West Chicago	DuPage	Thur.	57	8	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	62	..	17	2
Greenwood	421	North Alton	Madison	Tues.	41	4	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	45	..	18	3
New Hartford	422	New Hartford	Pike	Thur.	44	4	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	1	45	..	7	6
Greenview	423	Greenview	Menard	Mon.	30	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	31	..	7	..
Rock Creek	424	Lanark	Carroll	Fri.	56	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67	..	22	4
Allen Springs	425	Allen Springs	Pope	Sat.	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	28	..	..	..
Crescent	426	Caseyville	St. Clair	Sat.	57	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	..	23	13
Nebo	427	Nebo	Pike	Fri.	27	6	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	35	..	13	1
Bureau	428	Princeton	Bureau	Thur.	36	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	33	..	10	3
Marble City	429	Lemont	Cook	Tues.	41	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	41	..	23	6
Mutual	430	Kane	Greene	Wed.	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	2
O'Fallon	431	O'Fallon	St. Clair	Thur.	45	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	46	..	18	8
Douglas	432	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	138	6	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	1	137	..	37	12
Galatia	433	Galatia	Saline	Tues.	30	5	..	6	..	..	..	9	..	2	30	..	17	5
Mt. Carbon	434	Murphysboro	Jackson	Thur.	122	6	..	3	1	..	..	4	..	..	126	..	33	25
Pride of the V'y	435	East St. Louis	St. Clair	Mon.	151	2	3	2	..	..	..	12	..	4	142	1	35	20
Fayette	436	St. Elmo	Fayette	Sat.	35	3	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	41	..	24	4
Lincoln Park	437	Chicago	Cook	*Cons.*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ramsey	438	Ramsey	Fayette	Thur.	41	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	43	..	6	11

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Weeks' Benefits Paid.	W. F. Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of W. Families.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Paid Special Relief.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.	Receipts for Dues.	Receipts for Initiations, etc.	From Interest and Rents.	Receipts from Other Sources.	Expenditures.	Invested Funds.
10	..	$30 00	$6 00	$14 50	.....	$36 12	$86 62	$82 15	$56 65	.....	$25 50	.....	$136 35	$586 91
10	..	40 00	.....	.....	$11 50	.....	51 50	432 30	209 60	$30 00	190 00	$2 70	508 52	3720 00
29	1	87 00	10 00	.....	28 00	50 00	175 00	531 12	265 72	105 35	64 75	95 30	526 36	1171 06
29	2	116 00	38 66	1 05	2 00	132 40	290 11	527 30	246 10	40 20	.....	241 00	524 83	998 22
37	1	141 00	10 00	.....	32 00	150 00	333 00	746 75	241 30	336 00	12 00	157 45	504 33	720 57
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	15 00	26 40	53 40	115 02	83 24	4 00	27 78	.....	122 68	706 73
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7	..	21 00	.....	.....	28 50	.....	49 50	133 10	68 20	.....	64 90	.....	95 37	2439 62
42	..	126 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	131 00	755 92	210 82	15 00	413 60	116 50	297 63	5661 45
21	..	105 00	.....	.....	10 00	80 00	195 00	347 65	116 55	.....	223 55	7 75	268 97	2320 48
105	..	315 00	.....	.....	26 50	.....	341 50	568 96	48 58	520 38	.....	.....	674 21	1072 67
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	16 00	336 60	250 10	30 00	55 50	1 00	243 79	1277 18
30	1	150 00	10 00	.....	6 00	.....	166 00	1428 05	556 05	9 00	613 00	250 00	1364 07	9343 61
22	..	110 00	.....	.....	17 00	.....	127 00	857 73	628 23	104 00	125 50	.....	534 75	3833 64
29	..	145 00	.....	.....	11 67	.....	156 67	337 55	175 40	75 00	87 15	.....	231 67	1889 94
177	..	531 00	.....	.....	11 30	105 00	647 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	6 25	.....	27 25	314 10	180 85	50 50	82 75	.....	290 95	3342 00
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	14 00	50 85	50 85	.....	.....	.....	70 65	694 84
3	..	6 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	11 00	364 71	74 85	56 00	120 00	113 86	311 95	1035 00
48	..	144 00	.....	.....	12 50	15 00	171 50	756 32	366 65	58 50	322 42	8 75	817 46	3680 27
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	5 00	37 00	60 00	134 65	116 65	15 00	3 00	.....	164 05	773 60
9	..	18 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	33 00	60 67	21 02	3 65	36 00	.....	30 00	670 67
136	..	403 00	.....	.....	.....	67 50	470 50	855 74	580 34	85 00	.....	190 40	883 75	2065 93
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76	..	305 00	.....	.....	51 15	.....	356 15	1309 60	925 85	254 50	129 25	.....	617 58	3290 82
5	..	20 00	.....	.....	5 00	36 95	61 95	91 76	81 65	2 00	8 11	.....	63 70	435 89
19	..	95 00	.....	.....	174 60	.....	269 60	818 04	598 85	162 00	21 95	35 24	583 46	1594 03
29	..	87 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	98 00	525 75	344 85	2 00	180 90	.....	417 60	2366 09
57	1	258 00	10 00	.....	138 00	168 00	574 00	847 90	525 25	197 00	12 00	113 65	1017 92	3507 91
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	10 00	30 00	79 00	152 45	108 20	32 00	.....	12 25	161 00	432 12
65	..	325 00	.....	.....	10 80	.....	335 80	345 20	256 95	31 25	57 00	.....	521 50	1480 00
85	..	425 00	.....	.....	32 95	1069 00	1526 95	1507 11	708 23	102 00	696 88	.....	1898 06	4228 60
6	..	12 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....	24 00	543 90	311 40	56 00	176 50	.....	166 38	2079 20
27	..	123 00	5 00	.....	11 20	.....	139 20	284 60	187 05	62 50	35 05	.....	268 08	749 44
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	14 00	26 95	22 95	4 00	.....	.....	17 10	353 84
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	25 65	.....	31 65	714 20	273 65	45 00	374 05	21 50	406 59	4551 00
28	..	84 00	.....	.....	30 00	.....	114 00	1767 40	515 15	241 00	896 63	114 62	1550 27	5685 13
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	31 00	30 00	94 00	321 75	321 75	.....	.....	.....	264 00	2811 00
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5	..	12 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	22 00	296 00	134 75	2 00	159 25	.....	170 00	1930 40
149	1	592 00	1 75	.....	177 00	141 45	912 20	1717 01	1087 01	153 00	290 50	186 50	1729 35	7528 30
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	5 10	30 00	83 10	221 20	81 45	.....	139 75	.....	265 50	1956 12
3	1	9 00	1 00	.....	.....	30 68	40 68	336 32	210 55	97 00	.....	28 77	343 95	1168 07
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	8 70	300 00
6	..	18 00	15 00	.....	25 00	.....	58 00	512 20	254 00	203 35	.....	54 85	593 28	1073 45
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	32 00	386 00	264 00	69 00	53 00	.....	135 50	711 97
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71	1	135 00	1 00	.....	79 30	.....	215 30	631 10	304 60	105 00	109 50	112 00	610 11	1305 45
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49	5	196 00	21 00	1 55	12 00	.....	230 55	461 30	326 05	25 00	109 40	85	804 40	3143 10
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	.....	34 00	61 00	300 60	105 80	96 00	98 80	.....	263 65	1174 67
15	..	45 00	.....	.....	.....	92 00	137 00	54 00	54 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	..	44 00	.....	.....	20 00	18 00	82 00	344 95	219 95	40 00	38 00	47 00	280 01	2329 29
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
90	1	296 00	8 75	.....	2 00	.....	306 75	465 10	247 00	54 30	129 45	34 35	524 11	660 81
150	1	414 00	10 00	.....	60 50	212 00	696 50	2243 50	1277 50	109 00	776 50	80 50	1653 18	5454 99
10	1	30 00	20 00	.....	.....	65 60	115 60	388 44	100 10	82 00	168 59	37 75	430 75	1716 48
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79	..	395 00	.....	.....	257 00	427 70	1079 70	1719 10	737 35	63 00	813 25	105 50	1877 85	2799 58
37	..	111 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	121 00	197 52	116 52	34 00	47 00	.....	248 34	2982 86
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22	..	70 00	2 00	.....	5 00	.....	77 00	272 75	154 80	56 00	42 60	19 35	144 85	890 11

ABSTRACT OF SEMI-

Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O. Address	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1896.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Re-instated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1897.	Rejected.	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Meridian	439	Villa Ridge	Pulaski	Sat.	36	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	.	41	..	16	3
Templar	440	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	1	41	..	17	3
Pawnee	441	Pawnee	Sangamon	Thur.	37	1	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	38	..	12	3
Massac	442	Metropolis	Massac	Tues.	88	2	2	2	..	..	..	7	..		87	..	..	14
West Liberty	443	West Liberty	Jasper	Thur.	34	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	33	..	9	1
Calhoun	444	Hardin	Calhoun	Sat.	60	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	60	.	13	2
Clear Lake	445	Riverton	Sangamon	Mon.	55	7	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	59	..	9	3
First Scandin'vian	446	Galesburg	Knox	Tues.	53	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	56	..	26	5
J. Ward Ellis	447	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	129	11	2	..	1	..	..	12	..	..	129	..	..	3
South Englewood	448	S. Englewood	Cook	Tues.	27	6	7	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	40	..	10	1
Silurian	449	Grafton	Jersey	Thur.	47	3	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	42	..	22	2
Lakeside	450	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	80	2	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	76	..	16	8
Syria	451	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	54	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	3	46	..	21	3
Relief	452	Cobden	Union	Fri.	58	8	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	63	..	15	18
Elkhorn	453	Elkhorn	Washington	Mon.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Pulaski	454	Mt. Pulaski	Logan	Tues.	88	2	..	2	..	..	..	26	..	..	66	1	14	6
Greening	455	Mackinaw	Tazewell	Sat.	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	29	..	12	1
Otterville	456	Otterville	Jersey	Sat.	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	26	..	15	18
Model	457	Pontoosuc	Hancock	Thur.	28	9	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	38	..	10	2
Sincerity	458	Ripley	Brown	Sat.	44	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	46	..	21	9
Morrisonville	459	Morrisonville	Christian	Fri.	27	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	24	..	15	..
Saybrook	460	Saybrook	McLean	Tues.	98	4	..	..	..	1	..	12	..	..	89	1	24	15
Murphysboro	461	Murphysboro	Jackson	Thur.	28	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	25	..	11	3
Pleasant Hill	462	Pleasant Hill	Pike	Wed.	22	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	20	..	16	1
Casner	463	Casner	Macon	Wed.	27	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	30	..	10	..
Odell	464	Odell	Livingston	Tues.	54	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	59	..	18	5
Springfield	465	Springfield	Sangamon	Thur.	102	21	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	128	..	36	9
Upper Alton	466	Upper Alton	Madison	Mon.	71	3	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	1	62	..	16	8
Palm	467	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	77	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	75	..	32	11
Florida	468	Grand Chain	Pulaski	Tues.	15	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	12	..	4	1
Newman	469	Newman	Douglas	Tues.	129	3	1	2	2	..	..	19	..	..	114	..	16	..
Myrtle	470	Middletown	Logan	Sat.	43	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	28	2
Piper	471	Piper City	Ford	Sat.	73	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78	..	16	2
Omaha	472	Omaha	Gallatin	Sat.	31	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	..
Sidney	473	Sidney	Champaign	Sat.	31	..	1	1	1	1	..	5	..	..	26	..	9	..
Beethoven	474	Streator	LaSalle	Thur.	43	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	44	..	28	7
Crab Orchard	475	Crab Orchard	Williamson	Sat.	36	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	1	32	..	13	..
Raymond	476	Raymond	Montgomery	Mon.	39	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	37	..	17	7
Olympia	477	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	150	7	..	.	..	..	..	3	1	6	147	..	34	19
Veritas	478	Galesburg	Knox	Thur.	123	8	4	..	4	..	..	5	1	1	124	..	40	27
First Swedish	479	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	170	2	..	1	..	..	..	11	..	2	160	..	37	12
Helvetia	480	East St. Louis	St. Clair	Fri.	61	28	2	..	1	..	..	5	..	2	83	1	17	9
Arenzville	481	Arenzville	Cass	Thur.	25	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	17	2
Noble	482	Noble	Richland	Tues.	55	4	2	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	63	..	20	12
Heyworth	483	Heyworth	McLean	Fri.	71	1	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	1	67	..	31	12
Southwestern	484	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	43	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	47	..	14	6
Manufacturers'	485	Moline	Rock Island	Tues.	91	5	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	93	..	33	9
Dahlgren	486	Dahlgren	Hamilton	Sat.	17	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	20	..	11	2
Jewett	487	Jewett	Cumberland	Sat.	30	..	2	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	27	..	23	1
South Park	488	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	222	9	1	3	..	1	..	21	..	2	211	..	18	10
Morning Star	489	Fithian	Vermilion	Sat.	39	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	1	..	36	..	23	4
Justus	490	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	73	4	..	2	3	..	..	14	..	1	61	..	14	7
Manlius	491	Seneca	LaSalle	Tues.	23	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	19	..	14	2
Tolono	492	Tolono	Champaign	Wed.	24	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	12	..
Rucker	493	Dixon	Lee	Wed.	37	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	36	..	17	3
Round Hill	494	Saline Mines	Gallatin	Sat.	14	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	12	..	..	..
Banner	495	Braidwood	Will	Wed.	101	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	2	97	..	22	12
A. C. Marsh	496	Frankfort	Franklin	Sat.	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	21	..	11	2
Werner	497	Morrisonville	Christian	Tues.	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	8	1
Hoopeston	498	Hoopeston	Vermilion	*Closed*	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
Feuerbach	499	Danville	Vermilion	Tues.	63	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	62	1	25	4
Altamont	500	Altamont	Effingham	Tues.	24	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	26	..	18	..
Palmer	501	Palmer	Christian	Sat.	27	1	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	23	..	..	1

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W.	F. Relieved.													
6	..	$18 00	.....	.....	$5 00	.....	$23 00	$227 81	$110 50	$20 00	$30 00	$67 31	$315 90	$404 11
28	1	130 00	$20 00	.....	8 00	$50 00	208 00	378 50	242 15	85	114 00	22 00	414 05	3203 10
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	37 00	106 90	68 90	15 50	4 00	18 50	130 19	287 95
97	..	363 25	3 95	.....	280 75	.....	647 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	..	20 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	25 00	358 85	110 85	28 00	20 00	200 00	411 49	696 45
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	15 75	90 00	135 75	365 50	145 50	30 00	165 00	25 00	256 32	1433 03
17	..	51 00	.....	.....	141 00	90 00	282 00	479 78	257 15	90 00	.....	132 63	516 41	559 89
12	..	48 00	.....	.....	19 24	85 75	152 99	459 50	266 25	80 00	100 00	13 25	430 64	3093 85
4	..	16 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	41 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	..	65 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	79 00	539 75	132 75	147 00	241 50	18 50	606 79	650 26
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	7 50	.....	10 50	386 95	121 15	119 00	79 80	67 00	268 60	992 73
16	..	80 00	.....	.....	48 95	.....	128 95	573 30	407 80	69 00	14 00	82 50	445 62	1761 78
43	..	95 00	.....	.....	5 30	168 90	269 20	383 50	381 50	.....	.....	2 00	453 15	512 94
34	..	102 00	.....	.....	40 60	.....	142 60	389 82	243 29	143 05	3 49	.....	368 13	1141 75
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10	..	40 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	46 00	989 30	321 60	61 50	606 20	.....	862 51	1721 83
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	8 00	103 00	81 00	.....	22 00	.....	119 46	235 77
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	78 00	.....	90 00	121 75	66 75	.....	55 00	.....	160 45	327 75
6	..	18 00	1 00	.....	5 00	45 00	69 00	321 75	138 75	149 00	34 00	.....	248 78	669 11
30	9	114 00	10 00	.....	.....	68 00	192 00	311 35	113 90	75 00	84 95	7 50	324 51	2111 67
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 25	82 30	36 00	.....	11 95	102 65	1528 35
42	2	174 00	15 00	.....	5 00	.....	194 00	468 40	345 65	82 00	2 25	38 50	721 16	2528 16
15	..	60 00	.....	.....	33 00	.....	93 00	219 55	131 35	.....	12 75	75 45	196 38	876 73
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	34 00	57 70	46 20	11 50	.....	.....	105 50	43 00
7	..	17 50	.....	.....	21 00	85 00	123 50	278 20	165 20	75 00	98 00	.....	147 50	800 00
36	..	100 00	.....	.....	5 00	20 00	125 00	417 65	281 65	136 00	.....	.....	375 00	1584 75
76	1	154 00	2 00	.....	12 00	.....	168 00	938 70	492 00	416 00	30 00	70	515 65	2108 49
20	..	51 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	57 00	372 70	285 95	45 00	40 00	1 75	261 79	1583 49
59	..	312 00	12 00	.....	20 00	61 50	435 50	720 00	521 00	30 00	168 00	1 00	650 11	3651 26
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	23 00	33 00	33 00	.....	.....	.....	107 19	1223 73
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	821 47	472 47	101 75	165 00	82 25	982 91	2454 16
6	..	36 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	47 00	155 65	96 00	19 90	39 25	50	149 84	1142 20
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	514 76	235 26	82 25	103 50	73 75	710 32	1264 70
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6	..	30 00	.....	.....	57 25	.....	87 25	715 75	305 00	35 00	351 50	24 25	331 25	2116 00
...	..	.....	.....	.....	15 00	30 00	45 00	80 60	51 05	10 00	19 55	.....	67 00	980 10
28	..	84 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	94 00	162 75	159 75	3 00	.....	.....	152 90	1346 84
130	6	594 00	500 00	.....	60 87	30 50	1185 37	1971 00	1091 00	96 00	784 00	.....	2036 90	6306 73
121		428 00	.....	.....	72 00	.....	500 00	1355 25	824 25	177 00	354 00	.....	1081 30	7008 35
100	1	704 00	10 00	.....	93 00	273 00	1086 00	3583 05	1288 25	214 00	1550 50	456 30	4859 13	16541 66
22	1	110 00	.....	.....	41 00	78 15	229 15	864 80	393 70	354 00	24 00	93 10	380 15	1165 38
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	28 00	132 05	76 05	.....	56 00	.....	83 43	1270 51
34	..	102 00	.....	.....	86 00	.....	188 00	660 65	455 65	80 00	125 00	.....	613 57	3654 80
46	1	138 00	8 71	.....	14 50	35 95	197 16	485 93	347 58	30 00	107 35	1 00	446 29	2753 39
83	..	267 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	327 00	459 90	375 40	84 50	.....	.....	460 12	559 84
27	..	63 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	68 00	664 72	501 95	73 00	69 62	20 15	477 63	2765 73
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	10 10	.....	22 10	521 85	55 25	456 25	9 00	1 35	73 65	589 30
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	383 00	102 00	191 00	40 00	.....	27 20	1236 00
89	2	418 00	.....	.....	180 10	304 75	902 85	1948 10	1615 65	215 00	77 00	40 45	1990 77	2924 19
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....	39 00	343 25	102 55	8 00	232 00	70	328 88	3220 19
40	..	104 00	.....	.....	57 15	49 00	210 15	477 06	374 45	75 00	.....	27 61	538 02	826 52
3	..	6 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	7 00	95 30	87 30	8 00	.....	.....	105 19	330 80
...	..	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	111 00	48 00	28 00	35 00	.....	120 68	59 13
18	..	53 00	.....	.....	1 00	80 00	134 00	420 69	182 40	5 20	238 09	.....	483 31	1814 08
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193	..	695 00	.....	.....	208 00	185 00	1088 00	1177 10	595 85	.....	581 25	.....	1333 79	5899 44
2	..	6 00	1 00	.....	5 00	.....	12 00	171 28	92 06	.....	68 82	10 40	100 07	800 00
4	..	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	43 60	24 60	.....	18 00	.....	41 39	266 00
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	..	90 50	.....	.....	27 00	.....	117 50	387 90	369 50	6 60	.....	11 80	78 96	5574 36
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 90	36 45	20 45	.....	.....	15 00	427 25
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Corinth	502	Corinth	Williamson	Sat	45			1						1	45		22	14
Garden Prairie	503	Garden Prairie	Boone	Tues.	39	7									46	1	8	7
Creal Springs	504	Creal Springs	Williamson	Sat	60		2		6			9	1		46		14	2
Auburn Park	505	Auburn Park	Cook	Fri	50	6			1			11		1	43		8	2
New Chicago	506	Chicago	Cook	Mon	173	7	1				1	10		2	168		38	16
Auguste	507	Litchfield	Montgomery	Tues.	30			1	1			3		1	26		19	3
Sinnissippi	508	Prophetstown	Whiteside	Wed.	52	3		3	2	2		5			49		18	4
Normal	509	Englewood	Cook	Tues.	76	7	2	3	3	1		11			73		9	7
Anchor	510	Paw Paw	Lee	Wed.	119	12	1	1	1			3		1	128		49	39
Altona	511	Altona	Knox	Sat	26	5						2			29		13	5
Chromo	512	Tower Hill	Shelby	Tues.	36							4			32			4
Dwight	513	Dwight	Livingston	Thur.	89	1	2	1				1		2	90		21	6
Argus	514	Montgomery	Kane	Thur	19	2		1				1			19		12	2
Gardner	515	Gardner	Grundy	Fri	33	1					1	1	1		31		10	3
Bingham	516	Bingham	Fayette	Tues.	33										33		10	8
Golden Link	517	Colehour	Cook	Thur.	112	16	2	3			1	10			122	2	11	14
New Windsor	518	New Windsor	Mercer	Sat	22	2	2	1				2		1	24		7	5
Etna	519	Etna	Coles	Sat	13										13			
Tennessee	520	Tennessee	McDonough	Sat	54	2						2			54		15	9
Silver Link	521	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	186	7		2	1			15	1		178		27	14
Woodlawn	522	Woodlawn	Jefferson	Thur.	33										33			2
Marietta	523	Marietta	Fulton	Fri	59	5		1	2			4		1	58		7	13
Progress	524	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	129	10						9			130		27	12
Kenwood	525	Chicago	Cook	Sat	115	9	3	1	1			7	1		119		11	8
Alexis	526	Alexis	Warren	Thur.	75			1	1	1		4			70		22	6
Ewing	527	Ewing College	Franklin	Sat	14	1						1			14		10	
Goreville	528	Goreville	Johnson	Wed.	40	1	1					2			40		13	16
Mahomet	529	Mahomet	Champaign	Tues.	52	5						4			53		6	1
Brookville	530	Brookville	Ogle	*Closd*														
Eintracht	531	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	74	2		1							75		26	9
*Rochambeau	532	Chicago	Cook	Sat	48							3			45		16	6
Sato	533	Sato	Jackson	Thur.	42	1		1				1			41		8	9
Virden	534	Virden	Macoupin	Tues.	46	2	3					4	1		46		19	12
Marblehead	535	Marblehead	Adams	Sat	50	4	1		6			10		1	38	1	7	4
Venus	536	Hollowayville	Bureau	Sat	25	7	4		1						35		12	1
Roseville	537	Roseville	Warren	Wed.	47	2									49	1	16	9
Catlin	538	Catlin	Vermilion	Fri	51	3		1				3		1	51		22	5
New Baden	539	New Baden	Clinton	Sat	22	5			1			2		2	22		13	7
Good Samaritan	540	Chicago	Cook	Fri	90	7	1	2				12			88		13	19
Chrisman	541	Chrisman	Edgar	Wed.	77		1					6			72		27	14
Gibson	542	Gibson City	Ford	Fri	105	5		1				10	1	2	98		27	10
Auburn	543	Auburn	Sangamon	Sat	41	9		1				2		1	48	1	16	15
Northern Light	544	Chicago	Cook	Fri	149	2			2			24		2	123		22	16
Oakland	545	Oakland	Coles	Sat	140	1		3	3	1		18		1	121		15	9
Washburn	546	Washburn	Woodford	Thur.	26	2									28		11	
Alhambra	547	Alhambra	Madison	Sat	27	1						1	1		26		16	3
Cowden	548	Cowden	Shelby	Tues.	24		1					2			23		8	5
Kaulbach	549	Champaign	Champaign	Wed.	50	2			2			1			49		21	2
Industrial	550	Barclay	Sangamon	Sat	70	3	1					3			71		13	8
Vera	551	Independence	Saline	Sat	31	4						3		2	30			10
Sciota	552	Sciota	McDonough	Sat	61	1						1			61		17	4
Castleton	553	Castleton	Stark	Mon	38	3			1			6			34		10	8
Lily	554	Stronghurst	Henderson	Wed	38	10	2	1	1			2	1		47	1	14	1
Clinton	555	Trenton	Clinton	Tues.	37		1							1	37		17	4
Louisville	556	Louisville	Clay	Mon	68					1		1			48		9	4
Kenney	557	Kenney	DeWitt	Wed	80	1	1		3			8		1	70		15	5
Wayne City	558	Wayne City	Wayne	Thur.	54	1			1			2	1		51		16	4
Grateful	559	Pesotum	Champaign	Sat	37				1			6		1	29		9	3
Neponset	560	Neponset	Bureau	Tues.	31				1						30		13	1
John G. Potts	561	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	69	7		1				5			72		16	9
Vandalia	562	Vandalia	Fayette	Wed.	97	7			1			9			94	1	14	7
Lecture	563	Vermilion	Edgar	Sat	55	1		1				4		1	52		20	8
Oakwood	564	Oakwood	Vermilion	Sat	44	2	1		2						45		22	12

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37	..	$111 00	.....	.....	$6 00	$58 90	$175 90	$214 62	$159 05	$7 00	$47 07	$1 50	$234 90	$974 24
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	43 00	345 04	191 65	98 00	46 89	8 50	322 04	395 15
6	..	19 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00	217 70	185 20	4 00	28 50	.....	178 00	144 50
4	..	20 00	.....	.....	49 00	113 10	182 10	347 10	172 75	108 75	.....	65 60	415 85	952 10
90	..	540 00	.....	$6 50	37 50	215 10	799 10	2538 88	955 50	125 00	207 00	1251 38	1237 84	5023 01
22	..	88 00	.....	.....	1 00	2 95	91 95	411 21	148 41	5 20	257 60	.....	462 94	863 56
33	..	66 00	.....	.....	12 35	.....	78 35	254 68	178 33	59 00	8 00	9 35	243 28	1795 40
28	..	116 00	.....	.....	34 19	.....	150 19	578 18	256 15	131 00	.....	191 03	579 04	809 12
77	1	231 00	$52 05	.....	15 00	30 00	328 05	944 67	479 67	184 20	280 80	.....	727 51	3970 50
15	..	43 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 00	181 05	64 40	50 00	66 65	.....	118 15	685 30
33	1	75 10	8 19	.....	22 30	.....	105 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
72	..	164 00	.....	.....	15 00	80 00	259 00	1021 00	423 90	35 00	474 75	87 35	540 28	8313 20
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	7 00	140 50	98 00	28 00	13 00	1 50	100 86	271 72
7	1	16 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00	167 42	113 92	2 00	51 50	.....	149 16	259 05
43	..	129 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	131 00	67 75	30 75	.....	.....	37 00	154 00	405 00
49	..	230 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	240 00	1413 47	465 50	392 00	349 75	206 22	1224 23	2668 85
8	1	24 00	10 00	.....	17 00	53 00	104 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	..	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
71	..	142 00	.....	.....	16 00	.....	158 00	488 43	166 80	52 00	147 23	122 40	274 48	166 42
88	..	284 00	.....	.....	98 00	.....	382 00	1140 75	971 75	139 00	.....	30 00	886 04	4483 01
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	17 00	86 67	55 32	.....	31 35	.....	75 14	353 66
23	..	80 50	.....	.....	28 75	40 00	149 25	383 18	303 74	78 00	.....	1 44	347 90	1183 43
89	1	234 00	7 00	.....	116 00	.....	357 00	1055 94	862 80	150 00	43 14	.....	886 72	2079 79
79	1	454 00	.....	.....	42 00	.....	496 00	1233 37	285 82	56 00	890 00	1 55	1200 00	95 93
28	..	105 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	115 00	156 89	106 99	7 95	.....	41 95	139 66	160 87
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 59	25 59	14 00	.....	.....	36 00	407 20
42	..	126 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	132 00	203 06	166 76	21 50	14 80	.....	136 20	900 36
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	337 50	195 25	75 00	67 25	.....	123 50	1114 20
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	..	230 00	.....	.....	10 00	159 74	399 74	617 00	427 00	25 50	164 50	.....	564 91	3983 70
130	..	293 00	.....	12 25	36 40	.....	347 65	525 95	241 50	.....	84 45	200 00	523 56	1563 30
36	..	108 00	.....	.....	66 00	10 00	184 00	276 00	212 50	16 50	.....	47 00	224 15	649 48
27	..	81 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	91 00	888 85	180 45	104 00	417 70	186 70	729 34	2530 48
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	13 00	.....	61 00	308 81	169 90	74 00	6 00	58 91	294 86	400 00
5	..	10 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....	22 00	262 52	89 52	133 00	40 00	.....	142 31	656 17
27	..	81 00	.....	.....	90 00	.....	171 00	311 50	170 40	39 00	91 35	10 75	290 85	1982 00
9	1	27 00	5 00	.....	10 00	30 00	72 00	250 50	207 75	36 00	6 75	.....	233 18	2104 92
52	..	160 00	.....	.....	21 50	.....	181 50	472 40	118 80	70 00	18 15	265 45	389 60	567 80
58	..	254 00	.....	.....	55 50	.....	309 50	572 00	449 00	124 00	.....	.....	633 57	832 66
41	..	123 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	148 00	635 00	418 15	43 05	173 80	.....	572 75	1544 81
104	2	305 20	.....	.....	26 00	100 00	431 20	1413 09	482 27	58 00	816 82	56 00	860 10	8136 82
75	..	225 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	226 00	379 55	143 85	175 00	.....	60 70	420 33	1305 00
87	3	359 00	10 00	.....	36 50	212 00	617 50	769 20	678 70	68 00	22 50	.....	1052 95	1439 52
67	..	199 00	.....	.....	11 00	57 75	267 75	803 74	440 39	51 50	85 00	226 85	938 47	3031 10
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	197 05	101 05	22 00	.....	74 00	196 37	724 10
5	..	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	214 50	128 70	14 00	68 75	3 05	241 95	1025 05
9	..	27 65	.....	.....	10 00	.....	37 65	76 29	61 04	3 00	12 25	.....	88 95	914 71
4	..	20 00	.....	2 00	20 00	.....	42 00	460 85	286 30	30 00	144 55	.....	146 00	2977 66
20	..	80 00	.....	.....	56 50	.....	136 50	658 40	361 15	47 00	250 25	.....	633 15	3067 90
12	2	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	.	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	310 00	240 00	9 00	61 00	.....	74 50	1887 10
19	..	57 00	.....	.....	98 50	.....	155 50	189 20	135 20	35 00	19 00	.....	285 02	913 88
3	..	21 00	.....	.....	21 00	22 00	64 00	578 24	147 04	147 20	276 00	8 00	486 83	.....
11	..	55 00	.....	.....	56 00	50 00	161 00	270 90	175 50	2 00	93 40	.....	363 50	1678 24
7	..	24 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	29 00	183 95	128 75	5 20	50 00	.....	137 97	1990 58
22	..	66 00	.....	.....	69 75	48 20	183 95	517 20	304 54	34 50	178 16	.....	410 99	2405 20
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	212 72	170 72	42 00	.....	.....	147 00	317 89
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	6 50	30 00	75 50	188 85	95 85	6 50	75 50	11 00	186 05	1498 73
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	21 00	1 00	34 00	179 46	91 10	.....	36 50	51 86	216 70	1100 10
33	..	168 30	.....	.....	54 60	30 00	252 90	529 40	399 30	94 00	35 40	70	403 40	1982 83
21	1	63 00	10 00	.....	57 50	.....	130 50	421 75	331 00	89 00	.....	1 75	299 99	1101 21
26	..	77 00	.....	.....	11 00	31 65	119 65	286 17	197 15	35 00	.....	54 02	237 17	2446 43
95	..	233 00	.....	.....	30 00	.....	263 00	244 85	115 62	44 00	84 58	65	431 17	1440 08

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Pellsville	565	Rankin	Vermilion	Fri.	44	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	..	39	..	10	2
Dakota	566	Dakota	Stephenson	Sat.	50	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	50	..	19	..
AURORA	567	Millstadt	St. Clair	Tues.	18	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	17	..	8	2
Dexter	568	Norris City	White	Wed.	50	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	..	16	4
Kossuth	569	Chicago	Cook	*Closd*	100	7	..	1	8	..	..	20	..	1	79	2	8	8
Undine	570	Arrowsmith	McLean	Wed.	14	13	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	5	3
Hindsboro	571	Hindsboro	Douglas	Sat.	91	5	1	3	3	..	..	10	2	1	84	..	20	10
Gem	572	Whitefield	Bureau	Thur.	22	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	7	3
Badger Spring	573	Shannon	Carroll	Thur.	24	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	2	11	1
WALHALLA	574	Blue Island	Cook	Fri.	63	9	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	68	..	18	6
Buda	575	Buda	Bureau	Thur.	60	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	55	..	19	5
Fidelity	576	Windsor	Shelby	Wed.	55	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	59	..	28	3
Monmouth	577	Monmouth	Warren	Fri.	146	4	..	4	1	..	..	13	..	1	139	1	34	11
Victor	578	Grand Ridge	LaSalle	Fri.	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	..	9	1
Bradford	579	Bradford	Stark	Mon.	55	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	57	..	17	13
Ashkum	580	Ashkum	Iroquois	Wed.	17	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	8	1
Evergreen	581	Lick Creek	Union	Fri.	49	3	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	1	44	..	18	3
Oak Grove	582	Parrish	Franklin	Sat.	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	18	..	11	1
Swedish Olive	583	Moline	Rock Island	Mon.	147	47	1	..	1	..	..	4	1	2	187	2	27	16
Linne	584	Chicago	Cook	Sat.	98	11	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	104	..	9	16
Hermon	585	Hermon	Knox	Sat.	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	12	..	8	..
River	586	Iroquois	Iroquois	Tues.	26	1	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	..	20	..	9	1
Perseverance	587	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	60	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	58	..	18	2
New Athens	588	New Athens	St. Clair	Sat.	29	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	26	..	11	3
Brothers	589	Mansfield	Piatt	Sat.	52	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	1	18	4
Advance	590	Rock Falls	Whiteside	Wed.	58	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	56	1	25	11
Biggsville	591	Biggsville	Henderson	Thur.	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	28	..	10	3
Fraternal	592	St. Jacob	Madison	Tues.	34	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	34	..	19	4
Lovington	593	Lovington	Moultrie	Wed.	75	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	77	..	23	6
Rinard	594	Rinard	Wayne	Sat.	53	..	..	..	5	..	..	2	..	..	46	..	10	9
Blue Mound	595	Blue Mound	Macon	Thur.	44	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	13	7
Kemper	596	Kemper	Jersey	Sat.	28	2	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	30	..	15	2
Seymour	597	Seymour	Champaign	Sat.	33	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	34	..	12	2
Wataga	598	Wataga	Knox	Mon.	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	12	5
Areli	599	Cisco	Piatt	Sat.	29	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	26	..	13	1
Dove	600	Warrensburg	Macon	Tues.	79	3	..	1	2	..	..	6	..	..	75	..	22	8
Loyal	601	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	87	7	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	92	..	18	3
Streator	602	Streator	LaSalle	Mon.	84	7	..	1	1	..	..	10	..	..	81	..	22	8
Centennial	603	Papineau	Iroquois	Sat.	30	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	29	..	10	1
Timothy	604	Timothy	Cumberland	Wed.	40	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	38	..	7	3
Bluff	605	Cook's Mills	Coles	Sat.	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	23	..	16	5
Malta	606	Malta	DeKalb	Tues.	25	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	23	..	13	2
Standard	607	Crescent City	Iroquois	Sat.	35	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	33	..	25	3
Ucal	608	Rock Island	Rock Island	Thur.	96	6	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	98	..	38	2
Charleston	609	Charleston	Coles	Fri.	123	15	2	1	2	..	..	6	..	2	131	..	20	14
ARMINIA	610	Pana	Christian	Fri.	27	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	27	..	17	5
Tunnel Hill	611	Tunnel Hill	Johnson	Fri.	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	11	..
Herscher	612	Herscher	Kankakee	Sat.	30	3	2	2	..	..	..	9	..	..	28	..	6	2
Peabody	613	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	183	8	1	4	7	1	..	27	1	1	159	2	18	12
Grandview	614	Grandview	Edgar	Sat.	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	59	..	22	8
Eddyville	615	Eddyville	Pope	Sat.	33	1	2	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	25	..	17	4
Terre Haute	616	Terre Haute	Henderson	Mon.	64	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	63	..	26	6
Hurricane	617	Samoth	Massac	Fri.	40	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	1	31	..	15	6
Beacon	618	Cornell	Livingston	Wed.	63	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	..	..	1
Althea	619	Elgin	Kane	Thur.	66	3	1	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	57	1	10	4
North Star	620	Tioga	Hancock	Sat.	61	3	1	..	..	1	..	8	..	1	55	..	7	12
Pellonia	621	Pellonia	Massac	Sat.	32	2	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	1	22	..	10	1
Marissa	622	Marissa	St. Clair	Thur.	21	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	19	..	15	..
Hunt City	623	Hunt City	Jasper	Sat.	8	5	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	1
Port Byron	624	Port Byron	Rock Island	Mon.	46	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	42	..	18	4
New Burnside	625	New Burnside	Johnson	Mon.	34	2	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	29	..	11	3
Orient	626	Chicago H'ts	Cook	Thur.	63	7	2	..	2	..	..	8	..	..	62	..	9	4
Schamo	627	Ohio	Bureau	Sat.	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	..	5	..

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Weeks' Benefits Paid.	W. F. Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of W. Families.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Paid Special Relief.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.	Receipts for Dues.	Receipts for Initiations, etc.	From Interest and Rents.	Receipts from other Sources.	Expenditures.	Invested Funds.
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7	2	21 00	$16 07	.....	15 00	.....	52 07	182 82	122 62	52 50	7 50	20	113 54	821 78
109	..	459 00	..	.....	17 50	.....	476 50	619 50	468 75	104 50	.....	46 25	928 62	336 75
19	..	57 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	77 00	355 50	101 55	175 20	76 25	2 50	379 15	1076 43
34	..	102 00	.....	.....	15 50	.....	117 50	491 25	233 50	71 50	145 00	41 25	560 11	2300 00
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26	..	130 00	.....	.....	126 00	65 00	321 00	1328 00	345 00	713 00	270 00	.....	1456 00	2078 67
17	1	57 00	5 00	.....	3 00	22 00	87 00	309 25	198 70	12 00	46 50	52 05	342 62	1106 00
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	32 00	491 85	161 85	48 00	276 00	6 00	470 79	2700 26
35	..	170 00	.....	.....	23 65	.....	193 65	1147 66	665 30	101 80	182 90	197 66	758 28	3002 72
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2	..	6 00	.....	.....	35 00	.....	41 00	174 10	71 75	12 00	90 35	.....	85 09	1147 79
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	41 00	50 00	103 00	149 49	78 99	47 00	.....	23 50	142 12	985 00
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20	..	58 00	10 00	.....	16 55	.....	84 55	622 55	435 95	142 00	.....	44 60	361 55	1269 58
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11	..	25 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	39 00	128 03	99 53	21 00	5 00	2 50	160 17	206 97
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ABSTRACT OF SEMI-

Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1896	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Re-instated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members Mar. 31, 1897.	Rejected	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
No. Henderson	628	N. Henderson	Mercer	Sat.	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	20	..	11	2
Victoria	629	Victoria	Knox	Sat.	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	14	..	9	2
*Palacky	630	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	128	8	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	126	..	25	18
Edinburg	631	Edinburg	Christian	Fri.	46	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	17	1
Grape Creek	632	Grape Creek	Vermilion	Wed.	72	6	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	72	1	8	9
Kansas	633	Kansas	Edgar	Fri.	71	2	..	4	2	..	1	8	..	..	66	..	22	6
Farina	634	Farina	Fayette	Mon.	44	2	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	43	..	9	4
Metcalf	635	Metcalf	Edgar	Tues.	56	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	61	..	13	11
Prospect	636	Humboldt	Coles	Sat.	65	2	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	63	..	17	15
Cable	637	Cable	Mercer	Wed.	73	8	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	78	2	14	7
Viola	638	Minier	Tazewell	Thur.	55	8	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	1	60	..	18	12
Brighton Park	639	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	100	7	1	2	1	..	..	9	..	..	100	..	19	11
Wilton	640	Wilton Center	Will	Sat.	49	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	49	..	29	7
Loraine	641	Loraine	Adams	Sat.	42	2	..	1	5	..	..	3	..	..	37	..	15	3
Burton	642	Burton	Adams	Sat.	47	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	44	..	21	6
Elco	643	Elco	Alexander	Sat.	25	1	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	18	..	8	3
Westfield	644	Westfield	Clark	Thur.	38	3	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	37	..	14	3
Park	645	Austin	Cook	Mon.	63	5	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	67	..	19	1
Palermo	646	Palermo	Edgar	Sat.	55	5	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	1	56	..	14	5
Floral	647	Athens	Menard	Fri.	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	35	..	14	8
Gilman	648	Gilman	Iroquois	Mon.	23	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	21	..	13	4
Woodland	649	Woodland	Iroquois	Sat.	38	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	38	..	18	4
Pride of the West	650	Belleville	St. Clair	Tues.	54	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	50	..	22	7
Falmouth	651	Falmouth	Jasper	Thur.	30	2	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	28	..	7	..
Heathsville	652	Heathsville	Crawford	Sat.	38	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	37	..	7	4
Bristol	653	LaHarpe	Hancock	Wed.	86	7	4	3	..	..	..	4	..	1	95	2	19	9
Evening Star	654	Marissa	St. Clair	Mon.	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	9	..
Sugar Creek	655	Etherton	Jackson	Wed.	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	45	..	..	9
Agree	656	Temple Hill	Pope	Fri.	16	2	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	1	12	..	2	1
LaFayette	657	LaFayette	Stark	Wed.	41	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	38	..	15	..
Humboldt Park	658	Humboldt Park	Cook	Wed.	77	12	2	..	..	1	..	3	..	3	84	..	20	5
Bellflower	659	Bellflower	McLean	Fri.	70	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	74	..	8	9
Monee	660	Monee	Will	Tues.	24	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	22	..	13	3
Westville	661	Westville	Vermilion	Thur.	72	8	2	..	1	..	..	8	1	..	72	2	7	12
Sheridan	662	Fort Sheridan	Lake	Wed.	67	7	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	74	..	12	4
Romine	663	Foxville	Marion	Sat.	30	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	12	3
Austin	664	Paris	Edgar	Wed.	133	9	3	1	1	..	..	13	1	2	129	..	30	18
Washington	665	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	156	7	3	1	3	..	..	17	..	..	147	2	25	17
J. G. Whittier	666	Chicago Lawn	Cook	Thur.	32	8	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	11	2
White Oak	667	Forreston	Ogle	Thur.	38	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	41	..	14	4
East Peoria	668	East Peoria	Tazewell	Tues.	34	7	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	1	37	..	8	5
DePue	669	DePue	Bureau	Wed.	19	3	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	20	..	9	2
Good Hope	670	Good Hope	McDonough	Wed.	43	3	..	2	1	..	..	5	..	..	42	..	18	2
Findlay	671	Findlay	Shelby	Thur.	27	..	..	..	3	..	..	5	..	..	19	..	5	2
Ava	672	Ava	Jackson	Sat.	59	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	57	..	20	12
Evanston	673	Evanston	Cook	Mon.	57	10	3	1	1	..	..	3	..	1	66	..	16	5
Ferris	674	Ferris	Hancock	Tues.	63	3	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	64	..	8	6
Kirkwood	675	Kirkwood	Warren	Fri.	42	2	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	37	..	16	2
Alto	676	Alto Pass	Union	Tues.	41	3	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	43	..	13	1
Stanford	677	Stanford	McLean	Sat.	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	14	5
Ridge Farm	678	Ridge Farm	Vermilion	Wed.	26	2	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	26	..	7	1
Braceville	679	Braceville	Grundy	Tues.	105	18	..	3	2	..	..	5	..	1	118	..	24	22
Beacon Hill	680	Hinckley	DeKalb	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roodhouse	681	Roodhouse	Greene	Tues.	41	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	39	1	13	3
Basco	682	Basco	Hancock	Fri.	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	29	..	7	1
Tacusa	683	Assumption	Christian	Tues.	54	1	2	1	..	..	..	9	1	1	47	2	..	7
Riverside	684	Colona	Henry	Sat.	55	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	51	..	22	4
Staunton	685	Staunton	Maconpin	Fri.	30	1	..	2	1	..	..	8	..	1	23	..	12	2
Orion	686	Orion	Henry	Mon.	36	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	12	4
Macon	687	Macon	Macon	Sat.	8	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	1	5	..
Rockbridge	688	Rockbridge	Greene	Sat.	22	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	23	..	7	..
Kent	689	Rockford	Winnebago	Wed.	120	3	..	..	6	..	8	4	..	2	103	..	20	11
Beecher City	690	Beecher City	Effingham	Sat.	34	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	33	..	14	5

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4	..	$12 00	.....	.....	.....	$50 00	$62 00	$94 75	$68 75	.....	$26 00	.....	$113 56	$1151 46
4	..	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	38 15	38 15	.....	.....	.....	47 30	304 00
93	6	538 00	$45 00	$5 00	$35 00	500 00	1173 00	1549 50	620 50	$225 00	406 00	$298 00	1631 65	5918 81
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	261 95	178 95	82 50	50	.....	216 31	1584 04
27	..	108 00	.....	.....	13 00	.....	121 00	563 97	380 75	104 00	78 02	1 20	322 99	851 79
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	34 00	424 13	177 80	51 00	195 33	.....	571 70	2532 33
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	130 40	124 40	6 00	.....	.....	103 00	471 74
26	..	78 00	.....	.....	26 05	.....	104 05	320 16	213 50	102 00	4 66	.....	242 52	657 87
30	..	118 00	.....	.....	23 05	.....	141 05	813 56	196 07	32 00	585 49	.....	378 33	4772 56
38	..	152 00	.....	.....	26 00	.....	178 00	639 33	374 00	132 00	40 00	93 33	788 74	1165 33
34	..	92 00	.....	.....	16 75	77 17	185 92	792 30	461 91	210 00	120 39	.....	484 15	3248 09
153	3	336 50	67 10	.....	.....	.....	403 60	1071 02	591 75	116 00	59 00	304 27	1095 34	1854 01
18	..	54 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 00	243 54	170 54	45 00	28 00	.....	140 85	1641 68
27	1	49 00	23 50	.....	1 00	.....	73 50	624 72	133 20	67 50	9 27	414 75	259 44	746 22
12	..	44 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	50 00	125 70	110 20	15 00	.....	50	.....	1329 87
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	30 00	117 30	90 00	17 00	10 00	30	66 55	1703 98
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	47 00	182 27	107 52	41 00	22 50	11 25	212 69	.....
2	..	10 00	.....	.....	42 95	.....	52 95	691 47	333 25	79 00	239 42	39 80	511 16	1465 64
30	..	90 00	.....	.....	1 00	30 00	121 00	469 85	188 95	67 00	175 00	38 90	121 00	1459 26
40	..	120 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	135 00	131 15	96 20	.....	34 95	.....	231 46	1285 84
19	..	53 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	58 00	203 50	73 00	4 00	119 50	7 00	2061 55	2357 06
40	..	120 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	125 00	235 85	172 34	60 00	3 51	.....	111 85	1355 00
35	..	151 00	.....	53 50	1 00	180 00	385 50	587 25	356 95	5 00	139 80	85 50	465 76	2312 30
...	..	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	133 30	89 36	32 00	.....	11 94	81 26	213 87
13	..	52 00	.....	.....	.....	..	52 00	168 90	132 05	30 00	6 85	.....	331 12	750 24
17	1	51 00	2 00	....	1 00	80 00	134 00	682 30	366 30	143 00	133 00	40 00	695 17	1652 32
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	18 00	.....	21 00	48 30	42 30	6 00	.....	.....	21 00	103 44
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2	..	6 00	.....	.....	2 00	25 00	33 00	64 00	34 00	30 00	.....	.....	69 40	103 00
...	..	.....	.....	.....	55 00	.....	55 00	204 85	143 00	4 35	57 50	.....	171 00	1766 31
30	1	150 00	25 00	5 00	7 00	191 00	378 00	967 70	581 85	194 00	20 50	171 35	885 26	1572 36
19	..	57 00	....	.....	.....	.....	57 00	457 99	259 21	58 00	140 78	.....	152 42	1001 45
29	..	61 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	67 00	202 00	82 50	40 00	79 50	.....	187 76	2358 43
24	..	122 00	.....	.....	19 00	10 00	151 00	522 34	338 95	132 00	24 64	26 75	414 36	955 88
13	..	50 00	.....	.....	30 85	12 32	93 17	709 40	396 00	201 00	91 00	21 40	655 49	1164 73
28	1	61 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	62 50	91 26	85 26	.....	6 00	.....	63 00	729 61
97	..	364 00	1 00	.....	10 00	50 00	425 00	759 10	603 10	116 00	13 00	27 00	749 79	3335 75
95	..	376 00	.....	.....	104 50	.....	480 50	1141 21	901 22	135 50	35 00	69 49	1223 40	1958 69
1	.	2 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	12 00	305 00	167 00	138 00	.....	.....	163 30	485 39
40	.	120 00	.....	.....	5 00	112 09	237 09	350 00	196 60	86 40	67 50	.....	548 47	972 47
33	..	99 00	.....	.....	17 00	.....	116 00	378 31	235 10	118 00	4 46	20 75	279 99	495 15
16	1	64 00	2 07	.....	10 10	.....	76 17	350 79	102 45	74 90	173 44	.....	344 11	942 24
3	..	9 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	159 72	102 32	36 40	21 00	.....	116 98	929 29
13	..	51 00	.....	.....	6 20	.....	57 20	117 16	84 16	.....	33 00	.....	160 66	444 84
21	..	63 00	.....	.....	28 75	.....	91 75	526 80	286 85	15 50	222 45	2 00	363 07	2394 95
14	..	56 00	.....	.....	86 00	60 45	202 45	1423 35	370 75	179 00	713 45	160 15	1603 49	4299 39
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	29 00	309 70	271 70	38 00	.....	.....	219 12	1062 21
2	.	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	284 70	146 05	36 90	101 75	.....	150 29	1748 87
6	1	18 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00	170 90	111 90	59 00	.....	.....	83 00	574 67
11	..	30 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	35 00	287 90	159 80	.....	128 10	.....	122 88	2661 58
5	1	15 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	17 00	123 65	76 65	47 00	.....	.....	121 15	334 90
114	3	428 00	14 72	.....	214 32	50 00	707 04	1196 09	942 32	201 20	15 00	37 57	918 38	711 12
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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1	..	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	133 90	124 90	.....	9 00	.....	127 57	625 29
21	2	63 00	5 00	.....	10 00	30 00	108 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	..	81 00	....	.....	5 00	.....	86 00	191 45	150 95	.....	40 50	.....	291 53	1210 93
21	..	63 00	.....	.....	19 00	50 00	132 00	266 25	90 85	27 40	148 00	.....	436 36	1747 20
19	..	76 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	77 00	137 90	112 90	17 00	8 00	.....	150 00	455 01
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 45	25 65	41 00	20 80	.....	87 96	127 38
...	..	.....	.....	...	5 00	.....	5 00	255 55	32 55	23 00	.....	200 00	291 02	589 62
108	..	294 00	.....	.....	10 00	100 51	404 51	679 82	485 29	80 00	72 00	42 53	917 37	2181 95
22	..	66 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 00	123 15	91 55	5 00	26 60	.....	73 85	1153 66

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Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1896.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Re-instated.	Withdrawn by Card	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1897.	Rejected.	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
PAUL	691	Elgin	Kane	Thur.	81	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	4	76	..	21	13
Hutton	692	Hutton	Coles	Sat...	72	3	..	1	2	..	..	5	2	..	67	..	19	8
La Grange	693	Grossdale	Cook	Wed..	47	10	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	56	..	..	1
Inka	694	Iuka	Marion	Wed.	25	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	21	1	13	3
Stonington	695	Stonington	Christian	*Closd*	14	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	12	..	7	..
South Chicago	696	South Chicago.	Cook	Thur.	121	13	1	5	1	..	..	9	..	1	129	5	..	26
Montebello	697	Hamilton	Hancock	Sat...	88	3	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	90	..	25	5
Jas. A. Garfield	698	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	96	6		..	..		..	10	..	1	91	..	12	10
Norden	699	Chicago	Cook	Fri...	171	21	..	1	2	..	..	14	..	1	176	..	22	20
Forsyth	700	Forsyth	Macon	Sat ..	20	5	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	23	..	14	2
Nunda	701	Nunda	McHenry	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scott	702	Bluffs	Scott	Sat ..	36	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	38	..	14	2
Carterville	703	Carterville	Williamson	Fri...	58	3	..	2	1	..	..	4	..	1	57	1	15	7
Fisher	704	Fisher	Champaign	Sat...	74	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	74	..	18	6
Payson	705	Strawn	Livingston	Thur	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	16	..	..	..
Harvel	706	Harvel	Montgomery	Sat...	22	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	21	..	11	1
Acme	707	Mt Olive	Macoupin	Tues.	28	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	31	1	7	2
Palatine	708	Palatine	Cook	Wed.	29	1	1	18	..	..	..	1	..	..	48	..	21	1
Owaneco	709	Owaneco	Christian	Fri...	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	11	..	9	3
Walnut Hill	710	Walnut Hill.	Marion	Sat...	21	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	22	..	13	1
Woodson	711	Woodson	Morgan	Tues	47	..	..	3	..	..	..	11	..	..	39	..	14	3
Clear Creek	712	Trilla	Coles	Thur.	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	12	..	10	..
Clarksville	713	Dalson	Clark	Sat...	27	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	2	21	..	13	2
Colchester	714	Colchester	McDonough.	Mon .	142	3	..	..	1	..		5	..	..	139	..	22	23
Martin	715	Colfax.	McLean	Thur.	99	12	3	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	102	2	18	17
Pullman	716	Pullman	Cook	Tues.	113	27	..	2	..	..	..	7	..	..	135	1	17	7
Deering	717	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	115	11	3	1	..	..	..	8	..	3	119	..	22	15
Rock City	718	Batavia	Kane	Tues	110	8	2	..	1	1	..	13	..	..	105	..	24	7
Venice	719	Venice	Madison.	Fri...	50	..	1	1	1	3	..	4	..	..	44	..	5	11
Argenta	720	Argenta.	Macon.	Sat...	84	3	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	82	..	13	6
Essex	721	Essex	Kankakee	Sat...	70	4	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	67	1	17	9
Hyde Park	722	Chicago	Cook	Wed..	119	12	4	2	2	..	..	6	..	2	127	..	22	10
Lake	723	Antloch	Lake	Sat...	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	1	12	3
Oil City	724	Litchfield	Montgomery	Wed..	49	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	1	44	..	19	7
Hume	725	Hume	Edgar	Wed..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	29	..	16	1
Table Grove	726	Table Grove	Fulton	Tues.	74	3	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	71	..	10	5
Modesto	727	Modesto	Macoupin	Mon..	36	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	35	..	7	2
Saunemin	728	Saunemin	Livingston	Wed..	38	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	38	..	14	..
Irving	729	Irving	Montgomery	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hampshire	730	Hampshire	Kane	Mon .	36	1	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	32	..	9	1
Stonefort	731	Stonefort	Saline	Sat...	62	2	1	3	7	..	..	4	..	..	57	..	8	1
South Star	732	Friendsville	Wabash	Sat...	21	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	18	..	10	1
Columbian	733	Sibley	Ford	Sat...	44	3	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	42	..	9	3
London	734	London Mills	Fulton	Mon..	41	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	40	..	18	7
Bethalto	735	Bethalto	Madison	Tues.	71	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	71	1	22	3
Lowman	736	Somerset	Saline	Sat...	16	16	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	30	..	7	6
Otego	737	Brownstown	Fayette	Wed .	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	32	..	14	3
Sadorus	738	Sadorus	Champaign	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sanhedrim	739	Pilot	Vermilion	Fri ..	8	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	19	1
DeLand	740	DeLand	Piatt	Thur.	28	6	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	32	..	10	1
Ransom	741	Ransom	LaSalle	Wed .	28	11	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	37	..	14	4
Arthur	742	Arthur	Douglas	Fri...	61	1	2	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	56	..	15	13
Cyclone	743	Huntsville	Schuyler	Thur.	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	26	..	10	..
Rose Hill	744	Rose Hill	Jasper	Sat...	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	13	..	11	1
J. G. Rogers	745	Chicago	Cook	Mon..	76	3	..	1	4	..	..	8	1	1	66	1	15	1
Mount Hope	746	McLean	McLean	Sat...	70	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	64	1	18	5
Casey	747	Casey	Clark	Sat...	79	1	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	76	..	21	10
Crossville	748	Crossville	White.	Wed .	38	4	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	40	..	14	3
Bethany	749	Bethany	Moultrie	Mon .	69	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	66	..	19	4
Downer's Grove	750	Downer's Gr'v	DuPage	Mon..	57	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	1	52	..	10	6
Iron Link	751	Cummings	Cook	Tues.	48	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	12	3
Good Faith	752	Cuba	Fulton	Wed..	96	4	1	2	2	..	..	6	..	1	94	..	17	15
Hettick	753	Hettick	Macoupin	Sat...	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	8	2

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63	..	$276 00	.....	.....	$28 00	$307 30	$611 30	$599 49	$456 15	$52 00	$77 94	$13 40	$878 23	$2212 04
13	2	39 00	$14 72	.....	1 00	.....	54 72	286 11	228 80	39 00	17 00	1 31	256 09	1525 75
3	..	11 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 60	202 85	91 85	111 00	.....	.....	129 60	317 50
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	10 50	.....	19 50	101 75	68 50	19 00	13 00	1 25	111 92	1279 86
...	..	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	6 00	44 05	29 05	.....	15 00	.....	110 05	14 29
175	..	680 00	2 00	.....	36 68	.....	718 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	1	88 00	10 75	.....	1 00	.....	99 75	720 38	395 55	94 90	168 00	61 93	660 65	3009 04
13	..	65 00	.....	.....	55 50	25 00	145 50	665 95	583 95	72 00	.....	10 00	610 26	1124 97
185	1	1110 00	5 00	.....	27 00	88 05	1230 05	1805 12	1373 44	293 25	5 00	133 43	1841 76	4573 63
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	158 70	78 70	80 00	.....	.....	58 80	1535 62
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7	..	21 00	.....	.....	8 00	40 00	69 00	332 50	149 50	24 00	131 00	28 00	191 90	2560 10
18	..	55 00	.....	.....	148 69	.....	203 69	418 72	237 72	81 00	100 00	.....	437 40	2974 97
32	1	96 00	5 00	.....	5 00	83 00	189 00	395 30	201 05	28 00	138 25	28 00	373 02	2902 28
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 87	35 87	.....	50 00	.....	157 50	328 67
1	..	3 00	....	.....	5 00	.....	8 00	81 35	74 35	7 00	.....	.....	93 00	400 00
4	..	16 00	.....	.....	10 75	.....	26 75	264 50	168 00	44 25	49 85	2 40	148 00	722 45
8	..	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00	488 33	158 33	35 50	163 00	131 50	616 81	843 69
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	32 00	45 40	38 40	.....	7 00	.....	46 70	2873 39
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	13 00	58 05	58 05	.....	.....	.....	42 65	566 14
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	12 70	.....	27 70	163 23	140 43	15 60	4 50	2 70	146 73	1248 33
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175	.	438 00	.....	$10 00	10 00	.....	458 00	1068 95	666 10	48 50	....	354 35	1012 03	2230 27
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30	..	129 00	.....	.....	171 00	.....	300 00	1234 54	714 29	332 00	.....	188 25	1553 82	3532 47
52	1	241 00	45 00	.....	.....	60 00	346 00	950 82	549 40	227 20	.....	174 22	511 00	1866 18
16	..	80 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	90 00	761 61	532 11	116 00	82 00	31 50	469 91	2190 04
26	..	130 00	.....	.....	35 00	.....	165 00	327 95	321 95	6 00		.....	408 78	727 75
14	..	42 00	.....	...	15 00	30 00	87 00	453 05	344 50	33 00	75 55	.....	311 32	2189 78
79	..	316 00	.....	.....	10 00	..	326 00	356 00	296 00	60 00		.....	409 2	1935 24
36	..	147 00	.....	....	35 00	131 00	313 0	1166 70	646 38	268 00	252 32	.....	1285 89	2649 23
44	..	133 00	....	.....	10 00	.....	143 00	114 47	68 07	.....	6 40	40 00	191 43	456 86
57	..	221 00	.....	134 40	.....	85 60	441 00	265 85	249 85	16 00	.....	.....	545 76	843 92
...	..	.....	.....	.....	7 80	.....	7 80	250 35	84 35	3 00	163 00	.....	193 52	1580 00
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	38 00	468 68	308 68	55 00	105 00	.....	411 73	1884 97
2	.	6 00	.....	.....	14 80	.....	20 80	160 28	138 28	22 00	.....	.....	70 06	498 85
...	3	.....	9 00	.....	5 00	.....	14 00	3 0 08	151 34	30 00	115 50	3 24	201 40	1765 79
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1	..	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	237 10	188 90	45 20	.....	3 00	133 37	630 68
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	29 00	261 50	168 49	89 73	3 28	.....	220 99	718 33
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	9 00	69 45	55 45	14 00	.....	.....	46 25	416 18
6	..	12 00	.....	.....	1 00	65 00	78 00	210 97	136 57	37 20	....	37 20	195 29	376 09
12	..	42 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	48 00	357 15	167 30	.....	188 50	1 25	233 80	3113 80
21	..	63 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 00	363 18	247 48	35 00	79 65	1 05	366 59	1612 53
12	..	48 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 00	308 95	51 35	247 30	10 30	.....	95 30	552 65
12	..	36 00	.....	..	5 58	.....	41 58	123 80	105 80	.....	18 00	.....	139 32	1579 03
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2	..	6 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	9 00	51 50	17 50	34 00	.....	.....	15 05	184 75
2	.	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	210 10	115 60	78 00	16 00	50	186 34	488 11
6	1	18 00	12 00	.....	11 00	.....	41 00	385 30	135 50	164 20	85 60	.....	199 49	1694 26
26	..	104 00	.....	.....	22 00	90 00	216 00	682 43	266 23	24 00	375 00	17 20	728 70	3025 09
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4	..	30 00	....	.....	2 00	66 75	98 75	549 35	497 35	52 00	.....	.....	275 75	1160 30
14	..	42 00	....	.....	14 00	52 25	108 25	241 80	187 50	2 00	42 00	10 30	428 22	1258 85
27	.	54 00	.....	.....	27 00	.....	81 00	385 53	300 43	21 00	62 00	2 10	362 95	3093 58
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 00	222 25	118 70	84 00	19 55	.....	244 06	625 00
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	58 00	603 75	291 75	5 00	307 00	.....	388 43	.....
87	..	261 00	.....	.....	11 00	34 00	306 00	584 91	389 71	5 00	.....	190 20	555 95	496 36
5	1	19 00	20 60	.....	.....	.....	39 00	266 23	235 23	30 00	.....	1 00	185 08	1134 04
40	1	114 00	3 00	.....	25 00	40 00	182 00	603 10	460 40	56 40	85 00	1 30	560 09	3228 07
5	..	13 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	15 00	43 40	43 40	.....	.....	.....	68 65	200 60

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Janesville	754	Janesville	Coles	Sat	21				1			12			8		5	1
Phœnix	755	Arlington H'ts.	Cook	Mon														
Koerner	756	Chicago	Cook	Fri	127	10		2		1	7		3		124		14	9
Kinderhook	757	Kinderhook	Pike	Tues.	56	2		1			3				56	1	14	12
Browns	758	Browns	Edwards	Sat	52	1		1	2	1	2				47	1	15	9
Stone's Prairie	759	Plainville	Adams	Sat	48	8		1	1		2				54		12	12
John Wilson	760	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	110	7	1	1			14				105		15	11
Atwood	761	Atwood	Piatt	Wed.	64	28	1	1	2		4	1			87		12	4
Ancona	762	Ancona	Livingston	Wed.	27				3		6		1		17		9	3
Rock Grove	763	Rock Grove	Stephenson	Tues.	33						1				32	1	13	
Montrose	764	Montrose	Effingham	Sat.	11						1				10		9	2
Berwick	765	Berwick	Warren	Tues.	47	6		2			1				50	1	15	8
Hegewisch	766	Hegewisch	Cook	Thur.	41	10		2			9		1		43		11	7
Hebron	767	Hebron	McHenry	Mon.	24	5		1			4				24	1	5	
Genoa	768	Genoa	DeKalb	Mon.	105	3	1	1			13				95		10	6
Coral	769	Union	McHenry	Mon.	32	3					1				34		10	3
Welcome	770	Pleasant Plains	Sangamon	Sat.	42	2			2		4				38		9	4
Momence	771	Momence	Kankakee	Tues.	51	7	2	6	1		1				52	1	10	5
Delta	772	Simpson	Johnson	Sat	49	1		2			15				33		8	4
West Union	773	West Union	Clark	Sat.	29										29			2
Allerton	774	Allerton	Vermilion	Thur.	39	1	1				4				37		15	9
Bond	775	Smithborough	Bond	Wed.	33	4		1			3				35		8	11
Black Hawk	776	Capron	Boone	Fri.	83		1	1	2		7				76		12	2
Herald	777	Anchor	McLean	Wed.	41	7		2							50	1	12	3
Ambrosia	778	Atlas	Pike	Sat.	31	1		1						1	32	1	3	7
Williamsfield	779	Williamsfield	Knox	Wed.	69	2		1			12		1		57		10	7
Central	780	Seaton	Mercer	Sat.	57	1					7				51		14	1
Jackson	781	Vergennes	Jackson	Fri.	45						12				33		9	4
Prosperity	782	Kensington	Cook	Wed.	118	13	3	2	1		12	1	1		121	2	12	12
Odd Fellows	783	Normal	McLean	Thur.	51	2			1		4				48		12	4
Eastern Rose	784	Rose Bud	Pope	Sat.	21	7					7				21		4	4
Wellington	785	Wellington	Iroquois	Tues.	46			2	1		8	2			37		9	3
Cameron	786	Cameron	Warren	Sat	46	3	3				3		1		48		11	5
LaPlace	787	LaPlace	Piatt	Mon.	61	2	1	1	1		5	1			57		13	1
Boyd	788	Boyd	Jefferson	Wed.	11										11			
Egypt	789	Pulaski	Pulaski	Thur.	45				1		6	1	1		36		9	8
Yale	790	Yale	Jasper	Thur.	22	4		1			2				25		9	3
Fairland	791	Fairland	Douglas	Thur.	49	2	1	2	2		10		2		40		8	3
Ashmore	792	Ashmore	Coles	Tues.	50				1		4				45		12	6
Waukegan	793	Waukegan	Lake	Mon.	116	8		2	2		10				114		16	6
Dewey	794	Dewey	Champaign	Fri.	65	1	1		6		3	1			57		12	5
Palestine	795	Secor	Woodford	Tues.	39	1			1		2				37	1	11	3
Cheneyville	796	Cheneyville	Vermilion	Wed.	55	1			1		6				49		12	7
Baldwin	797	Baldwin	Randolph	Fri														
Pomona	798	Pomona	Jackson	Thur.	25	6	1				3				29	1	6	3
Salisbury	799	Salisbury	Sangamon	*Closed*														
Royal	800	Clyde	Cook	Thur.	47	8			1		9				45		10	9
Peace	801	Princeton	Bureau	Tues	54	1	1				14				42		5	2
Egyptian	802	Union Church	Union	Tues.	29			4			4				21		5	5
Ladd	803	Ladd	Bureau	Thur.	51	6	1			1	4		1		52	1	8	9
Utica	804	Utica	LaSalle	Tues.	34	2			1		2				33		14	8
Parkville	805	Parkville	Champaign	Sat	26	1									27	2	7	2
Keystone	806	Bureau	Bureau	Sat.	26	2					1				27		6	7
Bogota	807	Bogota	Jasper	Tues.	35	1		3	2		11				26	1	7	4
Sheffield	808	Sheffield	Bureau	Tues.	42	2		1			1				44		7	1
Ellsworth	809	Ellsworth	McLean	Fri	41			2	1		2				40	1	6	4
Fish Hook	810	Fish Hook	Pike	Sat.	40	6									46			4
Center Point	811	Boaz	Massac	Tues.	25			1	4		10				12		4	
Three Links	812	Chicago	Cook	Fri	267	21	3				22				269		6	30
Youngstown	813	Youngstown	Warren	Tues.	34	2					1				35		6	4
Lawrenceville	814	Lawrenceville	Lawrence	Mon.	62					1		1			60	1	9	7
Rockefeller	815	Rockefeller	Lake	Thur.	22	15	1				2				36		4	
Thawville	816	Thawville	Iroquois	Sat.	36	1		2				1			34		6	2

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2	..	$4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$4 00	$44 45	$28 00	$8 00	$8 45	.....	$43 80	$37 50
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	1	135 00	$13 78	.....	112 75	$129 75	391 28	1089 80	885 80	204 00	.....	.....	867 98	1583 48
28	..	84 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	99 00	379 50	240 75	53 75	85 00	.....	334 75	1991 71
27	..	108 00	.....	.....	16 70	.....	124 70	330 10	236 60	22 00	61 50	$10 00	331 43	1284 43
14	..	42 00	.....	.....	5 00	30 00	77 00	411 10	226 65	143 00	41 45	.....	521 98	1056 32
121	..	316 00	.....	.....	40 00	.....	356 00	609 75	471 75	138 00	.....	.....	502 00	1745 09
10	..	35 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	46 00	1683 00	317 28	530 00	245 72	590 00	1518 46	2372 32
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 00	77 08	68 08	.....	9 00	.....	162 15	219 00
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 64	58 54	.....	11 10	.....	68 06	405 21
5	..	6 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	16 00	33 80	.....	33 00	.....	80	69 00	276 41
18	..	49 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	54 00	283 51	162 50	79 00	41 01	1 00	186 33	956 54
15	..	32 00	.....	.....	13 00	71 15	116 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 00	26 00	3 00	.....	.....	78 07	193 93
40	..	120 00	.....	.....	125 50	.....	245 50	655 58	471 91	53 00	129 48	1 20	863 72	1170 24
9	.	27 00	.....	.....	12 60	.....	39 60	215 11	156 00	42 00	17 11	.....	222 78	715 29
15	..	45 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	46 00	166 45	143 95	19 00	3 50	.....	210 65	749 58
12	1	36 00	10 00	.....	16 00	.....	62 00	393 72	192 92	132 00	68 80	.....	279 44	382 68
17	..	51 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	.	87 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	90 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	..	84 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	90 00	211 65	147 15	26 00	38 50	.....	146 55	797 41
25	..	75 00	.....	.....	31 85	.....	106 85	247 95	175 05	69 90	3 00	.....	223 05	426 20
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	14 00	501 75	317 80	5 95	178 00	.....	231 43	2932 01
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	9 17	.....	57 17	330 21	221 81	90 40	18 00	.....	218 13	599 85
30	..	120 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	145 00	146 30	100 30	22 00	24 00	.....	286 75	858 90
23	..	69 00	.....	.....	12 30	.....	81 30	425 55	75 00	30 00	127 50	.....	271 30	1000 00
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	17 00	340 25	186 25	20 00	134 00	.....	191 63	1028 76
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	40 00	282 41	170 40	.....	112 01	.....	264 25	1114 44
45	..	211 00	.....	.....	218 00	127 50	556 50	1240 86	783 32	251 00	18 30	188 24	1437 75	1310 89
24	..	72 00	.....	.....	8 25	.....	80 25	353 05	294 95	33 00	25 10	.....	343 02	608 74
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	25 00	279 13	60 32	139 00	79 81	.....	54 20	765 06
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	434 24	240 55	2 00	165 00	26 69	415 17	661 67
11	..	44 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	104 00	231 22	176 37	24 60	.....	30 25	195 11	1333 21
8	..	21 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	23 50	802 69	256 05	62 00	158 05	326 59	786 56	1560 86
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	..	75 00	.....	$19 63	5 05	30 00	129 68	233 92	165 55	.....	.....	64 37	320 60	615 15
7	..	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	239 88	114 88	56 00	69 00	.....	172 78	632 95
28	7	73 00	.....	.....	21 50	104 00	198 50	292 14	155 14	42 00	20 00	75 00	323 85	548 96
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	53 00	198 65	162 45	.....	30 00	6 20	159 03	1233 02
15	..	75 00	.....	.....	75 00	.....	150 00	1080 95	618 85	182 00	265 60	14 50	544 57	2091 35
44	..	132 00	.....	.....	11 33	.....	143 33	236 85	203 25	21 00	12 00	..	271 33	711 07
11	..	33 00	.....	..	5 00	.....	38 00	155 11	110 35	14 00	8 50	22 26	87 33	780 50
30	..	90 00	.....	.....	33 00	.....	123 00	375 70	189 70	15 00	171 00	.....	225 24	2391 22
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	60 00	.....	72 00	186 03	62 93	100 75	22 35	.....	168 25	642 78
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	..	141 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	141 00	437 12	255 60	124 00	6 00	51 52	292 89	650 33
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	22 00	378 85	157 85	37 00	149 00	35 00	334 69	619 90
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 00	101 96	40 86	.....	.....	61 10	49 20	90 98
43	..	212 50	.....	.....	2 00	50 00	264 50	572 30	293 00	118 00	40 30	121 00	460 45	439 60
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	39 00	202 10	151 75	50 00	.....	35	165 78	426 38
3	1	9 75	1 00	.....	3 00	.....	13 75	110 08	73 70	15 00	21 38	.....	13 75	.....
14	..	42 00	.....	.....	15 10	.....	57 10	130 20	106 20	24 00	.....	.....	165 27	378 15
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	28 00	142 49	88 93	45 25	8 31	.....	123 04	414 75
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	5 50	289 60	172 00	31 35	79 25	7 00	249 26	40 34
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	35 00	9 35	62 35	217 85	163 65	.....	54 20	.....	287 08	611 46
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	1	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	38 50	33 50	5 00	.....	.....	25 00	121 02
138	..	828 00	.....	.....	157 85	.....	985 85	2681 78	1851 92	467 50	105 00	257 36	1720 18	5478 24
49	..	147 00	.....	.....	.....	44 75	191 75	222 05	119 70	21 00	2 00	79 35	246 03	346 02
29	..	87 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 00	149 55	116 15	5 00	28 40	.....	315 30	1427 88
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 00	30 00	87 00	.....	.....	42 55	311 50
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	31 00	162 35	113 00	14 00	35 00	35	223 05	197 59

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West Pullman	817	West Pullman.	Cook	Sat.	87	9	3	2	1			16			84	1	8	2
Toluca	818	Toluca	Marshall	*Closd*														
El Paso	819	El Paso	Woodford	Mon.	41	4	2								47		8	1
St. Anne	820	St. Anne	Kankakee	Thur	44	8			1			7	1		43		8	2
Rock Creek	821	Rock Creek	Hardin	Sat.	37	1									38		5	5
Englewood Hill	822	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	76	15	1					10		1	81		6	3
Yantisville	823	Yantisville	Shelby	Sat.	20		2		1			1			20		5	2
Ideal	824	Cave in Rock	Hardin	Sat.	33	2	1		3						33		6	3
Woodlawn Park	825	Woodlawn P'k	Cook	Wed.	173	48	7	1	1			22	1	1	204	2	15	14
Lamotte	826	Palestine	Crawford	Tues.	33	6		2				6			35		8	1
Percy	827	Percy	Randolph	Sat.	34	8	4		1				2		43	3	6	5
Lucas	828	Elliottstown	Effingham	*Cons.*	23	3								1	25	1	2	1
Linden	829	Lindenwood	Ogle	Mon.	34	7									41	1	5	3
Elkville	830	Elkville	Jackson	Sat.	55	15	1					3		1	67	3	5	11
Souvenir	831	Crawford	Cook	Mon.	74	7			2			7	1		71		7	10
Boone	832	Poplar Grove	Boone	Mon.	52	4						5		1	50		4	10
Cooksville	833	Cooksville	McLean	Tues.	38	6			1	1		3		1	38		4	5
Summit	834	Baylis	Pike	Tues.	46							1			45		4	1
Mill Shoals	835	Mill Shoals	White	Sat.	46	12	1		3	2		3	1		50	2	7	13
Coatsburg	836	Coatsburg	Adams	Thur.	17	10		1				3		1	24		6	2
Towanda	837	Towanda	McLean	Thur.	38	5	1		1			3			40		4	2
Gallatin	838	Shawneetown	Gallatin	Wed.	56				4			8		1	43		4	1
Yorkville	839	Yorkville	Kendall	Fri.	48	7	1					2			54		6	8
East Dubuque	840	East Dubuque	JoDaviess	Wed.	16				1			2		1	12		4	
Peotone	841	Peotone	Will	Mon.	20						1				19		3	1
Foosland	842	Foosland	Champaign	Sat.	37	21	1								59		4	6
Ridgway	843	Ridgway	Gallatin	Mon.	55	2			1			10			46		3	2
West Point	844	West Point	Hancock	Wed.	42	3	1		1			6			39	1	2	2
Danvers	845	Danvers	McLean	Tues.	34	16			3			2			45		4	1
Ingraham	846	Ingraham	Clay	Wed.	29	4	1								34		3	5
Monticello	847	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	59	4			7			1	1		54		5	7
Wanlock	848	Wanlock	Mercer	Sat.	41	13	2					1			55	8	4	5
New City	849	New City	Sangamon	Tues.	26	1									27		5	3
Oblong	850	Oblong	Crawford	Wed.	14	2	1		1			1			15		2	1
Beverly	851	Beverly	Adams	Thur.	23	4						1			26		3	2
Granite City	852	Granite City	Madison	Mon.	63	8	1					5		1	66	4	6	13
Armstrong	853	Armstrong	Vermilion	Thur.	42	11									53	3	3	2
Olmsted	854	Olmsted	Pulaski	Fri.	28	5					1			1	31		2	4
Elm River	855	Enterprise	Wayne	Fri.														
Joliet	856	Joliet	Will	Mon.	32	6			1						37		5	2
Old Colony	857	Hudson	McLean	Fri.	29	5	1						1		34		3	
Englewood	858	Chicago	Cook	Thur		86	44		2						128	1	8	15
Bedford	859	Cisne	Wayne	Thur		36	9								45	1	2	2
Patoka	860	Patoka	Marion	Tues.	25	4								1	28		5	2
Big Bay	861	McNoel	Massac	Sat.	15	11	5								31		4	2
Bradley	862	Bradley	Kankakee	Wed.		39	15		1						53	4	7	9
Johnsonville	863	Johnsonville	Wayne	Tues.		42	9								51		2	3
Bowen	864	Bowen	Hancock	Thur		36	15		1						50		5	1
Hopedale	865	Hopedale	Tazewell	Mon.		27	10								37		3	3
Odin	866	Odin	Marion	Thur.		29	11		4					1	35		6	
Grant Park	867	Grant Park	Kankakee	Sat.		25	7								32		2	
Electric	868	Chicago	Cook	Mon.		27	19								46		3	1
Winterrowd	869	Winterrowd	Effingham	Wed.		23	8		2						29			
Ben Hur	870	Aurora	Kane	Wed.		45	27								72		12	
Avondale	871	Avondale	Cook			29	24		2						51		7	1
Miller	872	Payson	Adams			21	9								30	3	2	
Lincoln Park	873	Chicago	Cook															
Carrier Mills	874	Carrier Mills	Saline			19	9								28		1	
Van Bureu	875	Chicago	Cook															
Nathan	876	Alma	Marion															
Mendon	877	Mendon	Adams															
White City	878	Chicago	Cook															
Sherwood	879	Keyesport	Clinton															
Huntley	880	Huntley	McHenry															
New Berlin	881	New Berlin	Sangamon															

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7	..	$22 00	.....	.....	$47 00	.....	$69 00	1385 59	$449 43	$155 00	$729 00	$52 16	1066 68	$1313 83
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	..	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	344 38	150 40	63 00	130 98	.....	380 94	379 65
3	..	8 00	.....	.....	40 75	.....	48 75	270 40	149 40	120 00	.....	1 00	164 73	211 69
32	..	96 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	96 00	167 00	149 00	18 00	.....	.....	218 93	282 72
18	..	88 00	.....	.....	46 00	$127 90	261 90	707 60	380 10	212 50	.....	115 00	560 15	1276 86
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	60 95	58 95	2 00	.....	.....	36 00	174 05
9	..	27 00	.....	....	1 00	.....	28 00	196 25	129 25	67 00	.....	.....	173 80	3[illegible]9 43
111	1	487 00	$25 00	.....	117 00	123 00	752 00	2080 89	1118 43	762 00	27 61	172 85	1767 16	2518 67
10	..	40 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	45 00	238 96	96 00	95 00	35 11	12 85	188 25	272 13
9	..	21 00	.....	.....	24 00	.....	45 00	320 40	185 70	114 00	14 00	6 70	234 05	876 93
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	23 50	32 50	132 10	86 10	46 00	.....	.....	136 95	316 01
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6	..	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	453 11	190 28	259 83	.....	3 00	162 87	407 95
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38	..	176 00	.....	.....	26 00	.....	202 00	437 49	304 75	93 50	.....	39 24	453 10	525 14
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	32 00	409 61	206 56	202 00	.....	1 05	278 49	717 70
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	33 00	200 63	85 0	14 00	.....	101 63	161 50	200 00
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6	..	18 00	.....	.....	9 50	.....	27 50	613 85	175 85	438 00	.....	.....	381 35	434 50
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...	..	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	824 20	85 90	626 10	36 50	74 70	755 10	456 00
3	..	12 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	13 00	717 42	176 92	524 00	1 00	15 50	586 04	404 46
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					Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Florence	1	Ottawa	LaSalle	1 and 3 Fri	27	37	64	....	3
Elite	2	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Thurs	75	94	169	6	14
Golden Link	3	Englewood	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	63	88	151	6	10
Pontiac	4	Pontiac	Livingston	2 and 4 Tues	41	82	123	1	6
Naomi	5	Camp Point	Adams	1 and 3 Sat	43	77	120	4	12
Union	6	Wellington	Iroquois	2 and 4 Fri	14	25	39	2	2
Riverside	7	Savanna	Carroll	1 and 3 Thurs	....	....	....	....	....
Emeline	8	Morrison	Whiteside	2 and 4 Thurs	71	83	154	4	14
Orphans' Home	9	Lincoln	Logan	1 and 3 Tues	63	83	146	7	7
Ruth	10	East St. Louis	St. Clair	1 and 3 Sat	33	58	91	2	1
Catlin	11	Catlin	Vermilion	2 and 4 Tues	28	33	61	7	6
Dove	12	Griggsville	Pike	1 and 3 Fri	13	14	27	5	8
Jacksonville	13	Jacksonville	Morgan	2 and 4 Fri	26	49	75	1	10
Empress	14	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Hope	15	DuQuoin	Perry	2 and 4 Fri	24	28	52	3	6
Miriam	16	Murphysboro	Jackson	Fri. Eve	18	51	69	....	....
Altoona	17	Waynesville	DeWitt	2 and 4 Mon	18	22	40	1	7
Superior	18	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Tues	47	51	98	14	20
Sheldon	19	Sheldon	Iroquois	1 and 3 Wed	7	9	16	....	....
Brighton Star	20	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Sat	5	37	42	3	3
Evening Star	21	Barry	Pike	1 and 3 Fri	25	47	72	4	13
Friendship	22	Monmouth	Warren	1 and 3 Thur	32	32	64	6	2
Azur	23	Neoga	Cumberland	1 and 3 Sat	10	21	31	....	....
Eula	24	Atwood	Piatt	1 and 3 Sat	19	23	42	20	22
Fidelity	25	Stanford	McLean	2 and 4 Mon	12	17	29	....	1
Olive Branch	26	Clinton	DeWitt	2 and 4 Sat	22	24	46	1	7
Golden Rule	27	Quincy	Adams	2 and 4 Thurs	63	77	140	4	7
Welcome	28	Metropolis	Massac	2 and 4 Mon	15	39	54	2	9
Vesta	29	Galesburg	Knox	1 and 3 Fri	79	92	171	....	11
Evergreen	30	Toledo	Cumberland	1 and 3 Tues	16	20	36	1	2
Rockford	31	Rockford	Winnebago	1 and 3 Tues	20	31	51	1	6
Bethlehem	32	Bloomington	McLean	1 and 3 Sat	56	71	127	18	15
Cuba	33	Cuba	Fulton	2 and 4 Tues	9	23	32	3	10
Sarah	34	Sycamore	DeKalb	2 and 4 Fri	35	37	72	5	10
Silver Moon	35	Elsah	Jersey	Thurs b. f. m	11	14	25	1	....
Sinai	36	Paris	Edgar	Mon Eve	27	45	72	17	17
West Union	37	West Union	Clark	2 and 4 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Winona	38	Newton	Jasper	Every Mon	19	32	51	9	3
Columbia	39	Washington	Tazewell	Tues	16	16	32	1	2
Cisco	40	Cisco	Piatt	1 and 3 Thur	....	....	....	....	....
Adah	41	Clayton	Adams	2 and 4 Sat	31	59	90	5	9
Ceres	42	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	18	37	55	5	21
*Chusnelda	43	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Tues	19	61	80	3	8
Laurel	44	Union	McHenry	2 and 4 Tues	12	11	23	2	7
*Germania	45	Chicago	Cook	1 Mon	25	35	60	5	7
Hulda	46	Cameron	Warren	Fri	7	6	13	.	1
Excelsior	47	Woodland	Iroquois	2 and 4 Thur	....	....	....	....	....
Wataga	48	Wataga	Knox	1 Tues	8	12	20	....	2
Oasis	49	Blandinsville	McDonough	Fri	23	32	55	8	28
Libuse	50	Chicago	Cook	1 Thur	21	34	55	2	2
Angelica	51	Warsaw	Hancock	Tues	16	24	40	3	14
Sandoval	52	Sandoval	Marion	1 and 3 Wed	20	47	67	3	1
Harmony	53	Vermont	Fulton	1 and 3 Tues	29	56	85	1	5
Sisters of Charity	54	Long Prairie	Wayne	Sat b. f. m	....	....	....	....	....
Mabel	55	Naples	Scott	Not given	....	....	....	....	....
Ella	56	Kensington	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	32	51	83	16	17
Olive	57	Urbana	Champaign	1 and 3 Thurs	28	41	69	6	11
*Eureka	58	Chicago	Cook	3 Mon	36	42	78	2	3
Pocahontas	59	Joliet	Will	1 and 3 Thurs	21	26	47	1	8
Altona	60	Altona	Knox	1 and 3 Tues	17	17	34	....	5
Lucille	61	Winchester	Scott	1 and 3 Tues	28	29	57	11	15
Noble	62	Gifford	Champaign	*Closed*	....	....		....	
Lilla	63	Springfield	Sangamon	2 Fri and 4 Mon	57	68	125	10	11

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Withdrawn or Dropped.		Brothers Expelled.	De-ceased.		Members Dec. 31, 1896.			Assets per last Report.	Receipts during the Year.	Total.	Paid for Relief of Members	Paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Paid for Expenses.	Assets Dec. 31, 1896.
Brothers.	Sisters.		Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.							
10	9	....	1	....	16	31	47	$43 15	$41 34	$84 49	$10 00	.....	$42 75	$31 74
25	24	....	2	....	54	84	138	295 50	569 48	864 78	80 00	.....	289 53	495 25
7	15	....	....	....	62	83	145	316 38	109 65	426 03	40 00	.....	230 48	155 55
28	17	....	....	1	14	70	84	36 49	98 82	135 31	10 00	.....	103 80	21 51
27	11	....	....	1	20	77	97	33 14	68 75	101 89	.....	.....	67 81	34 08
3	3	....	....	....	13	24	37	10 26	33 75	44 01	5 00	5 00	23 82	10 19
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7	7	1	....	....	67	90	157	33 08	154 65	187 73	.....	15 00	155 75	16 98
5	4	....	....	....	65	86	151	64 75	134 47	199 22	.....	10 00	119 00	70 22
6	11	....	1	....	28	48	76	218 66	151 25	369 91	.....	60 00	160 80	149 11
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4	2	....	....	....	14	20	34	9 91	41 14	51 05	.....	.....	29 35	21 70
4	9	....	....	1	23	49	72	50 31	89 57	139 88	22 25	.....	68 90	48 73
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11	6	....	....	....	16	28	44	36 48	51 80	88 28	5 00	8 00	54 50	20 78
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3	4	....	....	....	36	41	77	104 12	96 40	200 52	.....	.....	164 02	36 50
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6	11	....	1	....	10	37	47	19 50	28 80	48 30	5 00	5 00	36 35	1 95
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7	9	....	....	1	10	12	22	22 94	28 13	51 07	.....	.....	28 17	22 90
4	4	....	....	....	17	33	50	28 81	95 74	124 55	.....	.....	86 95	37 60
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2	3	....	1	1	35	41	76	1,923 40	304 29	2,227 69	81 00	82 00	177 92	1,886 77
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Mackinaw	64	Mackinaw	Tazewell	1 and 3 Fri	10	18	28	....	....
Yale	65	Yale	Jasper	1 and 3 Fri	14	16	30	1	8
Charleston	66	Charleston	Coles	1 and 3 Mon	61	72	133	10	8
Pearl	67	Middletown	Logan	2 and 4 Tues	18	15	33	1	3
Unity	68	Gardner	Grundy	Wed	15	19	34	..	2
Hazel	69	Wilmington	Will	2 and 4 Wed	12	20	32	...	4
Holtslander	70	Sterling	Whiteside	1 and 3 Fri	23	37	60	6	20
Glenwood	71	Fisher	Champaign	2 and 4 Tues	36	42	78	1	....
Mercy	72	anville	Vermilion	2 and 4 Thurs	50	107	157	....	6
Eudora	73	Rock Island	Rock Island	2 and 4 Wed	43	45	88	4	8
Tower Rock	74	Grand Tower	Jackson	1 and 3 Fri	19	30	49	....	....
Ideal	75	Perry	Pike	2 and 4 Tues	50	67	117	5	8
Ellis	76	Rankin	Vermilion	2 and 4 Tues	...	....	...	....	....
Minnehaha	77	Aurora	Kane	1 and 3 Fri	51	57	108	1	3
Bloomingdale	78	Dewey	Champaign	2 and 4 Wed	39	46	85	1	1
Essex	79	Essex	Kankakee	Thurs	25	25	50	3	5
Prairie	80	Hoopeston	Vermilion	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	..	....	....
Purity	81	Pana	Christian	2 and 4 Wed	16	20	36	2	2
McDonough	82	Prairie City	McDonough	Thurs	8	18	26	....	1
May Flower	83	Moreland	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	21	42	63	....	....
Anchor	84	Rockford	Winnebago	1 and 3 Sat	43	69	112	3	4
*Abraham Lincoln	85	Bloomington	McLean	1st Fri	41	40	81	1	3
Zerah	86	Jewett	Cumberland	1 and 3 Wed	9	17	26	....	....
Hindsboro	87	Hindsboro	Douglas	Every Tuesday	39	36	75	5	4
Colfax	88	Pittsfield	Pike	1 and 3 Tues	48	47	95	4	9
Lily	89	Peru	LaSalle	2 and 4 Fri	17	26	43	1	6
York Star	90	York	Clark	1 and 3 Mon	...	....	....	....	....
Creal Springs	91	Creal Springs	Williamson	Mon	23	33	56	4	6
Petersburg	92	Petersburg	Menard	1 and 3 Thurs	....	....	....	..	....
Marion	93	Marion	Williamson	Mon	29	45	74	1	4
Bell Air	94	Bell Air	Crawford	2 and 4 Thurs	12	16	28	....	....
Perseverance	95	Lacon	Marshall	2 and 4 Fri	9	17	26	...	9
*Sophia	96	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Mon	41	100	141	2	3
Olive Leaf	97	Warrensburg	Macon	1 and 3 Thurs	35	50	85	3	2
Mt. Zion	98	Mt. Zion	Macon	Tuesday	19	21	40	....	....
Enterprise	99	W. Belleville	St. Clair	2 and 4 Wed	16	52	68	3	6
Avon	100	Avon	Fulton	1 and 3 Fri	29	46	75	6	4
Rural	101	Heyworth	McLean	1 and 3 Thur	...	....	....	....	....
Relief	102	Colchester	McDonough	1, 3 and 4 Tues	33	68	101	5	15
Beacon	103	Tolono	Champaign	2 and 4 Tues	12	15	27	....	3
Waverly	104	Waverly	Morgan	2 and 4 Fri	13	19	32	3	1
Golden Rod	105	Pulaski	Pulaski	Monday	13	14	27	1	3
Laughton	106	Wilton Center	Will	1 and 3 Wed	25	18	43	3	6
Salem	107	Salem	Marion	2 and 4 Fri	27	56	83	1	2
*Ida	108	Chicago	Cook	4 Mon	18	28	46	1	3
Confidence	109	Sparland	Marshall	1 and 3 Fri	16	17	33	....	....
Fair	110	Browns	Edwards	Thurs	18	22	40	3	5
Floral	111	Naperville	DuPage	Thurs. b. f. m.	....	....	....	....	....
Charity Home	112	Fairbury	Livingston	1 and 3 Mon	81	73	154	6	8
Peoria	113	Peoria	Peoria	1 and 3 Wed	68	75	143	9	12
Good Hope	114	Good Hope	McDonough	1 and 3 Thur	31	22	53	2	12
Lily of the Valley	115	Streator	LaSalle	2 and 4 Mon	33	68	101	11	30
Metropolis	116	Metropolis	Massac	1 and 3 Mon	15	43	58	6	17
Toulon	117	Toulon	Stark	1 and 3 Thur	20	27	47	2	9
Eden	118	Windsor	Shelby	2 and 4 Tues	16	17	33	3	1
Tidal Wave	119	Prophetstown	Whiteside	2 and 4 Tues	18	22	40	2	....
Samaritan	120	Elgin	Kane	2 and 4 Fri	8	17	25	9	33
New Burnside	121	New Burnside	Johnson	1 and 3 Tues	....	...	....	....	...
Nora	122	Millersburg	Mercer	1 and 3 Tues	17	13	30	....	2
Sisters	123	Mansfield	Piatt	1 and 3 Thurs	19	15	34	....	..
First Swedish	124	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Sat	53	64	117	15	16
Memento	125	Vandalia	Fayette	2 and 4 Thur	63	65	128	17	22
Isabella	126	Momence	Kankakee	Friday	26	30	56	1	4

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Brothers.	Sisters.		Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.							
.....	.....	....	....	....	10	18	28	$35 68	$5 30	$40 98	$2 00	$2 00	$17 20	$19 78
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19	18	...	1	1	51	61	112	20 67	113 30	133 97	5 00	10 00	94 09	24 88
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5	4	....	....	....	10	17	27	4 08	66 37	70 45	10 00	.....	55 06	5 39
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2	5	....	1	....	26	52	78	49 85	109 38	159 23	.....	.....	105 25	53 98
6	3	....	1	....	30	39	69	8 25	19 75	28 00	.....	.....	14 00	14 00
3	6	....	....	3	47	104	151	165 09	184 70	349 79	40 00	10 00	215 19	84 60
18	12	1	....	....	28	41	69	91 34	135 80	227 14	.....	.....	218 99	8 15
1	1	6	1	...	11	29	40	14 32	18 41	32 73	.....	.....	31 66	1 07
13	7	....	....	....	42	68	110	.....	133 22	133 22	.....	.....	95 97	37 25
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10	17	....	....	3	11	25	36	103 46	67 10	170 56	37 00	20 00	84 23	29 33
5	6	....	1	1	40	66	106	52 03	102 38	154 41	5 00	.....	93 07	56 34
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3	2	....	....	....	6	15	21	10 26	5 34	15 60	2 20	.....	8 40	5 00
16	13	....	....	....	28	27	55	32 08	138 10	170 18	.....	5 00	159 54	5 64
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1	2	....	....	....	17	30	47	51 30	65 82	117 12	.....	5 00	51 69	60 43
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1	3	....	2	1	16	54	70	380 09	347 52	727 61	295 00	35 00	158 07	239 54
6	8	....	....	....	29	42	71	83 85	72 21	156 06	3 75	20 00	66 00	66 31
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8	6	....	....	2	6	9	15	33 78	26 80	60 58	8 00	5 00	23 19	24 39
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3	4	....	....	1	25	53	78	28 08	110 03	138 11	25 00	5 00	83 42	24 69
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4	4	....	2	....	71	83	154	67 90	193 92	261 82	5 00	18 00	131 86	106 96
9	9	....	....	....	24	25	49	9 97	117 59	127 56	.....	4 00	90 45	33 11
6	12	....	....	....	38	86	124	256 00	232 32	488 32	2 00	7 00	425 86	53 46
2	13	...	....	....	19	47	66	33 54	84 35	117 89	.....	14 00	87 75	16 14
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7	5	....	....	....	12	13	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	2	....	....	....	12	20	32	.....	25 29	25 29	.....	.....	18 55	6 74
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7	9	....	....	....	61	71	132	231 03	278 39	509 42	50 00	15 00	222 63	221 79
21	19	...	....	1	59	67	126	97 74	215 70	313 44	.....	5 00	284 68	23 76
3	5	....	....	....	24	29	53	.....	95 76	95 76	25 00	13 40	12 70	44 66

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Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Members per last Report.			Admitted.	
					Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Eclipse	127	Chicago	Cook	1 and 2 Fri	45	63	108	3	11
Monmouth	128	Monmouth	Warren	2 and 4 Thur	34	40	74	4	6
Margaret	129	Jonesboro	Union	1 and 3 Mon	...	...	...	...	...
Chicago	130	Chicago	Cook	4 Mon	32	38	70	1	2
Rossville	131	Rossville	Vermilion	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stonefort	132	Stonefort	Saline	Friday	32	34	66	3	5
Chrysanthemum	133	Kinderhook	Pike	1 and 3 Wed	21	22	43	4	4
Electra	134	Paxton	Ford	Thur	33	22	55	7	10
Alexis	135	Vermilion	Edgar	1 and 3 Fri	20	22	42	5	11
Humphrey	136	DeKalb	DeKalb	2 and 4 Fri	16	18	34	8	10
Cerro Gordo	137	Cerro Gordo	Piatt	1 and 3 Fri	25	25	50	2	14
Busy Bee	138	Freeport	Stephenson	1 and 3 Fri	7	10	17	...	5
Merry	139	LaFayette	Stark	2 and 4 Fri	17	25	42	2	9
Good Samaritan	140	Oregon	Ogle	1 and 3 Tues	22	20	42	3	12
Progress	141	Decatur	Macon	1 and 3 Fri	64	100	164	9	23
Rainbow	142	Oakwood	Vermilion	2 and 4 Thur	10	10	20	3	3
Clio	143	Havana	Mason	Friday eve	20	38	58	1	3
Industry	144	Parrish	Franklin	1 and 3 Sat	...	...	...	...	...
Pride of St. Clair	145	Lebanon	St. Clair	1 and 3 Mon	...	...	...	...	...
Lillian	146	Gibson City	Ford	2 and 4 Thur	44	52	96	13	19
Gertrude	147	Elgin	Kane	1 and 3 Mon	20	25	45	1	3
Adell	148	Roodhouse	Greene	Monday	22	31	53	...	...
Dinah	149	Braceville	Grundy	2 and 4 Thur	9	47	56	1	23
Calhoun	150	Hardin	Calhoun	1 and 3 Tues	26	32	58	3	9
Vashti	151	Raleigh	Saline	Not given	...	...	...	...	...
Flora	152	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	56	91	147	1	7
Kedar	153	Casey	Clark	1 and 2 Tues	31	31	62	4	14
Foxville	154	Foxville	Marion	Not given	...	...	...	...	...
Memento Branch	155	Farmington	Fulton	1 and 3 Mon	45	52	97	2	11
Almetta	156	Litchfield	Montgomery	2 and 4 Sat	35	55	90	4	3
Alpha	157	Albany	Whiteside	Last Sat	...	...	...	...	...
Sincerity	158	Burton	Adams	1 and 3 Tues	3	4	7	7	4
Alexis	159	Alexis	Warren	2 and 4 Tues	...	...	...	...	...
Lorena	160	Maquon	Knox	2 and 4 Fri	16	7	23	9	6
Eddyville	161	Eddyville	Pope	1 and 3 Tues	...	...	...	...	...
Mizpah	162	Forreston	Ogle	1 and 3 Fri	...	...	...	...	...
Alma	163	Cairo	Alexander	1 and 3 Tues	25	62	87	...	...
Humboldt Park	164	Humboldt Park	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	...	...	...	...	...
Vlast	165	Chicago	Cook	4 Tuesday	33	40	73	2	2
Grace	166	Kenney	DeWitt	1 and 3 Sat	23	26	49	1	2
Rhoda	167	Sullivan	Moultrie	2 and 4 Tues	30	56	86	...	...
Evelyn Colfax	168	Belvidere	Boone	1 and 3 Wed	43	44	87	6	3
Dawn	169	Bluffs	Scott	2 and 4 Wed	10	10	20	...	...
Marshall	170	Henry	Marshall	1 and 3 Fri	13	12	25	...	...
Integrity	171	Grand Crossing	Cook	2 Mon & 4 Wed	...	...	...	...	...
Vesper	172	Evanston	Cook	2 and 4 Wed	27	28	55	2	18
Edith	173	Champaign	Champaign	2 and 4 Tues	20	35	55	5	23
Medora	174	Morrisonville	Christian	1 and 3 Wed	...	...	...	...	...
Esther	175	Murphysboro	Jackson	Friday eve	21	63	84	2	19
Zoza	176	Greenup	Cumberland	Tuesday	22	25	47	...	13
Genevieve	177	Hamilton	Hancock	1 and 3 Wed	50	62	112	3	16
Victoria	178	Martinsville	Clark	Not given	...	...	...	...	...
Fern Leaf	179	Dunlap	Peoria	*Closed*	...	...	...	...	...
Rachel	180	Arcola	Douglas	1 and 3 Fri	18	27	45	6	10
DeSoto	181	DeSoto	Jackson	1 and 3 Mon	...	...	...	...	...
Nellie Freeman	182	Austin	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	...	...	...	...	...
Zelma	183	Tuscola	Douglas	Every Friday	44	58	102	5	12
Regina	184	Flora	Clay	1 and 3 Tues	23	34	57	3	7
Materna	185	Carmi	White	2 and 4 Tues	...	...	...	...	...
Matilda	186	Vandercook	Vermilion	1 and 3 Wed	...	...	...	...	...
Vienna	187	Vienna	Johnson	1 and 3 Wed	...	...	...	...	...
American	188	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Sat	32	46	78	3	18
Sweet Home	189	Mason City	Mason	*Closed*	...	...	...	...	...

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28	23	....	....	1	20	50	70	$9 34	$282 19	$291 53	$16 72	$5 00	$260 51	$9 30
16	10	....	..	1	22	35	57	50 98	94 59	145 57	10 00	2 40	74 90	58 27
2	2	....	2	....	29	38	67	500 91	157 75	658 66	42 00	150 00	58 25	408 41
5	7	....	..	....	30	32	62	13 11	64 46	77 57	.....	.....	24 79	52 78
8	1	....	....	....	17	25	42	61 18	41 98	103 16	5 00	.....	63 47	34 69
7	1	1	....	....	32	31	63	12 74	57 85	70 59	10 00	.....	15 05	45 54
.....	1	....	....	1	25	31	56	14 10	54 92	69 02	7 15	7 30	52 60	1 97
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10	7	....	....	....	17	32	49	1 90	70 87	72 77	10 00	1 50	27 75	23 52
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1	3	....	....	1	18	30	48	10 32	45 40	55 72	.....	5 00	40 30	10 42
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11	8	....	1	1	61	114	175	5 25	396 81	402 06	7 75	5 00	268 54	120 77
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8	4	....	1	....	12	24	36	38 78	64 60	103 38	35 50	4 50	54 39	8 99
8	3	....	....	....	14	28	42	.....	39 94	39 94	5 10	.....	11 20	23 64
4	6	....	....	....	6	64	70	54 16	47 60	101 76	10 00	.....	35 01	56 75
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9	4	..	....	2	20	40	60	72 20	84 00	156 20	.....	5 00	73 16	78 04
9	16	....	....	....	16	42	58	27 20	113 29	140 49	9 50	10 00	76 09	44 90
5	10	....	1	....	17	72	89	.....	176 16	176 16	31 00	.....	58 20	86 96
7	5	....	1	1	14	32	46	53 55	45 85	99 40	7 50	20 95	47 28	23 67
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7	5	....	....	....	19	36	55	63 38	23 96	87 34	5 00	.....	68 04	14 30
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Mt. Sterling	190	Mt. Sterling	Brown	1 and 3 Thur	51	58	109	4	12
Lovington	191	Lovington	Moultrie	1 and 3 Tues	13	22	35	1	6
Goodwin	192	Beardstown	Cass	2 and 4 Mon	32	45	77	1	2
Queen Esther	193	Maroa	Macon	1 and 3 Tues	60	58	118	3	3
Elgiva	194	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Sat	29	38	67	12	15
La Harpe	195	La Harpe	Hancock	2 and 4 Mon	39	43	82	2	11
Brooklyn	196	Brooklyn	Massac	Wednesdsy	17	21	38	....	3
Flatwoods	197	Grantsburg	Johnson	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Gabriel	198	Pleasant Hill	Pike	Not given	....	....	....	....	....
Columbian	199	Decatur	Macon	2 and 4 Fri	34	40	74	3	5
Beatrice	200	Noble	Richland	1 and 3 Sat	24	34	58	1	1
Good Will	201	Olney	Richland	1 and 3 Fri	56	84	140	2	6
John H. Montague	202	Rock Falls	Whiteside	1 and 3 Mon	17	23	40	3	10
Dorcas	203	Newman	Douglas	Every Sat	22	46	68	9	25
Orel	204	Wayne City	Wayne	2 and 4 Tues	27	30	57	8	9
Florence N'ghtgle	205	Lewistown	Fulton	2 and 4 Tues	9	15	24	....	1
Hebron	206	Marshall	Clark	Wed	9	11	20	1	2
Deering	207	Lake View	Cook	1 and 3 Sat	41	43	84	13	16
Irma	208	Quincy	Adams	1 and 3 Wed	47	48	95	3	9
Sumner	209	Sumner	Lawrence	1 and 3 Mon	44	72	116	1	6
May Queen	210	Leroy	McLean	1 and 3 Mon	51	61	112	3	8
Eunice	211	Saline Mines	Gallatin	1 Sat	....	....	....	....	....
Qu'n of the Lakes	212	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	45	73	118	2	17
Xenis	213	Xenia	Clay	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Adelaide	214	Rushville	Schuyler	1 and 3 Mon	25	31	56	3	6
Tunnel Hill	215	Tunnel Hill	Johnson	Not given	....	....	....	....	....
Hutsonville	216	Hutsonville	Crawford	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Homer Star	217	Homer	Champaign	Sat Eve	....	....	....	....	....
Faith	218	Malta	DeKalb	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Effingham	219	Effingham	Effingham	Sat	10	14	24	5	9
Carbondale	220	Carbondale	Jackson	2 and 4 Tues	13	12	25	1	3
Helena	221	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	1 Mon	....	....	....	....	....
Bethesda	222	Delavan	Tazewell	1 and 3 Thurs	27	34	61	....	....
Milton	223	Milton	Pike	1 and 3 Sat	28	22	50	....	....
Pekin	224	Pekin	Tazewell	1 and 3 Thurs	18	21	39	1	1
Venus	225	Clay City	Clay	1 and 3 Tues	23	39	62	1	6
*Teutonia	226	Quincy	Adams	1 and 3 Thurs	17	41	58	3	5
*Queen	227	Chicago	Cook	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Lyda Woodford	228	Eureka	Woodford	2 and 4 Tues	27	16	43	2	1
Parthenia	229	Cairo	Alexander	2 and 4 Tues	47	61	108	4	7
New Hope	230	Belknap	Johnson	1 and 3 Wed	10	11	21	....	....
Martha Wash'gton	231	Turner	DuPage	1 and 3 Tues	27	37	64	2	7
Leah	232	East St. Louis	St. Clair	1 and 3 Sat	11	27	38	1	1
*Johanna	233	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Mon	45	42	87	....	1
Pride of Arrow	234	Harrisburg	Saline	2 and 4 Sat	60	57	117	15	12
Union	235	Cobden	Union	2 and 4 Mon	18	24	42	1	2
Jennie	236	Fithian	Vermilion	1 and 3 Thurs	5	4	9	....	....
Otterville	237	Otterville	Jersey	1 and 3 Wed	22	16	38	5	10
Shipman	238	Shipman	Macoupin	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Virginia	239	Virginia	Cass	1 and 3 Fri	16	24	40	....	....
Carterville	240	Carterville	Williamson	Wed	15	13	28	4	17
Viola	241	Lick Creek	Union	1 and 3 Sat	10	16	26	....	....
Whittier	242	Atlanta	Logan	2 and 4 Fri	31	61	92	....	....
Fairview	243	Fairview	Fulton	1 and 3 Sat	41	32	73	4	4
Macedonia	244	Macedonia	Hamilton	Thurs	....	....	....	....	....
Canton	245	Canton	Fulton	2 and 4 Tues	26	66	92	2	12
Drexel	246	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Thurs	33	38	71	4	17
Keithsburg	247	Keithsburg	Mercer	2 and 4 Thurs	40	42	82	9	5
Elkhart	248	Elkhart	Logan	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Hedwig	249	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Tues	30	32	62	4	9
White Rose	250	Rose Hill	Jasper	1 and 3 Tues	9	7	16	....	3
Plano	251	Plano	Kendall	1 and 3 Fri	20	26	46	2	1
Amanda	252	Blue Island	Cook	2 and Wed	24	12	36	2	4

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Brothers.	Sisters.		Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.							
12	6	....	1	....	42	64	106	$8 34	$172 81	$181 15	$5 00	$5 00	$101 73	$69 42
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5	5	....	....	....	28	42	70	24 16	61 04	85 20	.....	.....	72 77	12 43
17	9	....	....	1	46	51	97	11 04	57 61	68 65	.....	5 10	58 25	5 30
3	2	....	....	....	38	51	89	122 50	203 00	325 50	.....	11 00	258 25	56 25
13	10	....	....	....	28	44	72	79 30	106 52	185 82	5 00	.....	64 17	116 65
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2	9	....	....	2	29	60	89	40 47	157 08	197 55	.....	.....	147 12	50 43
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9	6	....	1	1	44	52	96	59 25	174 32	233 57	30 00	.....	131 55	72 02
19	16	....	....	....	31	41	72	10 00	140 55	150 55	5 00	5 00	90 90	49 65
6	5	1	....	....	38	73	111	29 45	89 25	118 70	5 00	10 00	75 63	28 07
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2	1	....	....	1	8	14	22	13 82	7 10	20 92	.....	.....	20 92	.....
13	21	....	...	1	18	39	57	40 42	23 82	64 24	.....	.....	29 99	34 25
9	6	....	....	....	36	30	66	60 72	83 80	144 52	.....	15 10	60 28	69 14
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12	10	....	1	1	24	44	68	97 61	172 62	270 23	.....	5 00	226 43	38 80
14	10	....	....	....	35	37	72	.....	124 41	124 41	.....	.....	113 58	10 83
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5	3	....	....	..	29	38	67	190 56	311 85	502 41	90 00	.....	118 23	294 18
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Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Members per last Report.			Admitted.	
					Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Bethel	253	Monticello	Piatt	Thurs	45	70	115	...	....
Crystal Glen	254	Nauvoo	Hancock	1 and 3 Fri	36	43	79	1	2
Magnolia	255	Magnolia	Putnam	1 and 2 Mon	8	11	19	....	1
Myrtle	256	Moline	Rock Island	1 and 3 Wed	63	61	124	10	12
Social	257	Taylorville	Christian	2 and 4 Tues	19	24	43	1	9
Ava	258	Ava	Jackson	1 and 3 Tues	5	29	34	....	....
Illinois	259	Freeport	Stephenson	1 and 3 Thurs	..	....	...	....	....
Lena Lawman	260	Minier	Tazewell	Fri	7	13	20	12	15
Redmon	261	Redmon	Edgar	1 and 3 Wed	14	15	29	...	1
Anna	262	Anna	Union	Fri	23	37	60	4	10
Ruby	263	Jerseyville	Jersey	1 and 3 Mon	22	21	43	...	....
Paw Paw	264	Paw Paw	Lee	2 and 4 Fri	17	20	37	13	15
Beulah	265	Morris	Grundy	2 and 4 Thurs	33	56	89	1	6
Brighton	266	Brighton	Macoupin	Not given	..	....	....	....	....
Green Valley	267	Green Valley	Tazewell	1 and 3 Wed	...	....	....	....	....
Rantoul	268	Rantoul	Champaign	1 and 3 Tues	37	49	86	4	5
Nona	269	McLean	McLean	1 and 3 Tues	35	39	74	....	....
Hawthorne	270	Sandwich	DeKalb	2 and 4 Fri	34	32	66	12	11
North Alton	271	North Alton	Madison	*Closed*	..	..	...	...	....
Oriental	272	Argenta	Macon	1 and 3 Tues	21	24	45	13	20
Star of Egypt	273	Galatia	Saline	2 and 4 Thurs	6	16	22	....	....
Geneva	274	Mattoon	Coles	2 and 4 Fri	44	61	105	5	5
Mae	275	Sidell	Vermilion	2 and 4 Tues	48	65	113	6	15
Mt. Pleasant	276	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	3	29	32	1	1
Antioch	277	Antioch	Lake	2 and 4 Wed	...	....	....	...	....
Fidelia	278	Saybrook	McLean	Every Fri	40	48	88	6	10
Golden	279	Irving	Montgomery	1 and 3 Mon	....	....	....	....	....
Omega	280	Simpson	Johnson	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Murrayville	281	Murrayville	Morgan	1 and 3 Tues	10	15	25	....	....
Tahoma	282	Bone Gap	Edwards	Tuesdays	22	29	51	2	1
Maple Grove	283	Carthage	Hancock	1 and 3 Thurs	30	51	81	2	5
June	284	Marseilles	LaSalle	2 and 4 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Silver Glen	285	Fairfield	Wayne	2 and 4 Wed	..	....	....	....	....
Octavia	286	Nokomis	Montgomery	1 and 3 Wed	6	8	14	....	...
Westfield	287	Westfield	Clark	Monday Eve	16	25	41	....	3
Lily of the West	288	Bible Grove	Clay	2 and 4 Thurs	13	14	27	2	6
Carrollton	289	Carrollton	Greene	1 and 3 Wed	...	...	...	....	....
Aledo	290	Aledo	Mercer	1 and 3 Thurs	36	51	87	1	6
Mystic Star	291	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	40	27	67	8	18
Lottie	292	Potomac	Livingston	Sat	11	21	32	15	18
Harriet Scovill	293	Kankakee	Kankakee	Fri	23	29	52	6	15
Woodson	294	Woodson	Morgan	2 and 4 Thurs	....	....	....	....	....
Rose	295	Kane	Greene	Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Varnell	296	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	1 and 3 Mon	30	47	77	1	7
Minerva	297	LaPlace	Piatt	1 and 3 Wed	26	31	57	1	....
Jewell	298	Iuka	Marion	Fri	8	14	22	....	4
Cedar	299	Mason	Effingham	Sat	14	21	35	....	....
New Hartford	300	New Hartford	Pike	2 and 4 Sat	18	23	41	....	2
Pride of Cent'l P'k	301	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Mon	26	48	74	9	21
Louisville	302	Louisville	Clay	2 and 4 Fri	20	31	51	2	7
Falmouth	303	Falmouth	Jasper	Tues	19	25	44	1	6
Makanda	304	Makanda	Jackson	Mon	16	19	35	1	3
Mary	305	Liberty	Adams	2 and 4 Wed	21	28	49	2	3
Deborah	306	Vergennes	Jackson	Wed	32	19	51	3	5
Alto Pass	307	Alto Pass		Fri	22	15	37	4	5
Eldorado	308	Eldorado	Saline	2 and 4 Fri	16	17	33	5	6
Alhambra	309	Alhambra	Madison	Fri	...	....	....	....	....
Brilliant Star	310	Nebo	Pike	1 and 3 Mon	12	17	29	4	8
Plainville	311	Plainville	Adams	2 and 4 Wed	13	18	31	1	3
Bee Hive	312	Altamont	Effingham	1 and 3 Fri	...	....	....	...	....
Central	313	Mt. Pulaski	Logan	Fri	43	50	93	3	6
White Oaks	314	Grape Creek	Vermilion	2 and 4 Fri	28	43	71	1	7
Priscilla	315	Mt. Carroll	Carroll	Wed	28	33	61	2	2

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Withdrawn or Dropped.		Brothers Expelled.	Deceased.		Members Dec. 31, 1896.			Assets per last Report.	Receipts during the Year.	Total.	Paid for Relief of Members.	Paid for Relief of Widows and Orphans.	Paid for Expenses.	Assets Dec. 31, 1896.
Brothers.	Sisters.		Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.							
5	5	...	....	1	40	64	104	70 75	84 28	155 03	10 00	.....	75 15	69 88
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13	7	1	1	2	58	64	122	44 01	117 21	161 22	5 00	.....	108 74	47 48
3	2	..	....	...	17	31	48	22 70	50 35	73 05	.....	.....	62 01	11 04
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8	4	....	1	...	13	17	30	55 30	105 15	160 45	5 00	.....	87 10	68 35
1	2	...	....	1	29	32	61	16 99	116 24	133 23	1 00	.....	38 33	93 90
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5	8	....	1	...	12	17	29	11 45	34 29	45 74	.....	.....	43 52	2 22
9	10	1	....	...	25	59	84	77 35	269 61	346 96	5 00	.....	297 71	44 25
6	3	....	....	1	16	34	50	45 86	38 25	84 11	.....	.....	63 90	20 21
4	7	....	....	..	16	24	40	28 15	43 09	71 24	5 00	.....	37 65	28 59
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Cabery	316	Cabery	Ford	2 and 4 Sat	20	17	37	....	5
Hillsboro	317	Hillsboro	Montgomery	1 and 3 Thurs	21	22	43	....	3
Farina	318	Farina	Fayette	Thurs	25	26	51	...	2
Elmwood	319	Elmwood	Peoria	2 and 4 Fri	68	84	152	9	16
Opal	320	Pearl	Pike	Mon	22	27	49	1	....
Hume	321	Hume	Edgar	1 and 3 Mon	7	13	20	..	....
Mound City	322	Mound City	Pulaski	2 and 4 Mon	29	38	67	3	4
Aquilla	323	Bellflower	McLean	Sat	....	...	....	....	....
Egyptian Queen	324	Centralia	Marion	2 and 4 Mon	32	50	82	7	17
Brenton	325	Piper City	Ford	2 and 4 Tues	38	29	67	7	1
Leota	326	Fulton	Whiteside	Fri	28	37	65	1	7
Westville	327	Westville	Vermilion	2 and 4 Tues	40	35	75	7	5
W. H. Day	328	Harvey	Cook	2 and 4 Wed	32	30	62	1	10
Montgomery	329	Montgomery	Kane	1 and 3 Tues	15	14	29	2	3
Genoa	330	Genoa	DeKalb	1 and 3 Fri	22	23	45	1	12
Sciota	331	Sciota	McDonough	Tues	24	32	56	....	7
Moss Rose	332	Ladd	Bureau	2 and 4 Tues	10	21	31	....	9
Wyoming	333	Wyoming	Stark	2 and 4 Thurs	36	43	79	3	5
Electric	334	Normal	McLean	2 and 4 Tues	17	12	29	2	1
Eleanor	335	Peoria	Peoria	2 and 4 Tues	65	95	160	5	8
Mina	336	Huntsville	Schuyler	1 and 3 Sat	21	18	39	....	....
Melvin	337	Melvin	Ford	1 and 3 Tues	18	25	43	3	1
Fairland	338	Fairland	Douglas	1 and 3 Tues	....	...	..	...	...
Buda	339	Buda	Bureau	1 and 3 Mon	30	28	58	3	3
Waukegan	340	Waukegan	Lake	Fri	44	33	77	2	2
Mary Burk	341	Pinckneyville	Perry	Fri	35	31	66	5	8
Macomb	342	Macomb	McDonough	Mon	22	34	56	1	4
Rutland	343	Rutland	LaSalle	1 and 3 Mon	23	28	51	9	13
Rosa Lee	344	Boaz	Massac	2 and 4 Tues	...	...	...	...	....
Forest	345	Tioga	Hancock	1 and 3 Mon	29	31	60	3	11
Galena	346	Galena	JoDaviess	1 and 3 Tues	40	39	79	3	7
Mariorraetta	347	Arthur	Douglas	Mon	20	25	45	1	5
Emma	348	Marble Head	Adams	Wed	16	15	31	....	3
Palmyra	349	Palmyra	Macoupin	Mon	27	23	50	...	2
Calumet	350	Blue Island	Cook	1 and 3 Sat	44	53	97	4	6
Princeville	351	Princeville	Peoria	Fri	24	30	54	1	2
Mineral Springs	352	Okawville	Washington	Mon	17	21	38	....	5
Highwood	353	Highwood	Lake	1 and 3 Thurs	33	14	47	4	5
Saunemin	354	Saunemin	Livingston	Fri	19	32	51	2	5
Silver Crescent	355	New Boston	Mercer	1 and 3 Fri	22	32	54	2	5
Tower Hill	356	Tower Hill	Shelby	2 and 4 Fri	11	15	26	2	2
Oakland	357	Oakland	Coles	Fri	47	49	96	1	5
Ivy	358	Metcalf	Edgar	Fri	21	27	48	2	....
Idell	359	Versailles	Brown	2 and 4 Wed	19	19	38	4	7
Oquawka	360	Oquawka	Henderson	Wed	13	22	35	7	7
Castleton	361	Castleton	Stark	1 and 3 Fri	15	19	34	....	...
Charity	362	South Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	22	36	58	14	16
Queen City	363	Shelbyville	Shelby	1 and 3 Wed	19	21	40	2	3
Mystic Tie	364	Princeton	Bureau	Thurs	21	29	50	5	9
Oak Leaf	365	Tonica	LaSalle	1 and 3 Mon	19	26	45	7	8
Sparta	366	Sparta	Randolph	1 and 3 Fri	20	26	46	6	4
Cheltenham	367	Cheltenham	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	19	31	50	5	16
Central City	368	St. Charles	Kane	2 and 4 Thurs	50	48	98	1	2
Maple Leaf	369	Maplewood	Cook	2 and 4 Mon	40	44	84	7	13
Prairie Queen	370	Dwight	Livingston	4 Fri	13	18	31	2	4
Rosedale	371	Kinmundy	Marion	Fri	15	43	58	4	11
Ripley	372	Ripley	Brown	Wed	10	10	20	....	....
Stronghurst	373	Stronghurst	Henderson	1 and 3 Fri	17	19	36	4	3
Kemper Star	374	Kemper	Jersey	1 and 3 Tues	16	14	30	2	2
Adams	375	Whitehall	Greene	Tues	15	15	30	1	12
John A. Gano	376	Grandview	Edgar	Wed	26	21	47	2	3
Golden Leaf	377	Urea	Adams	1 and 3 Tues	26	30	56	1	5
Bogota	378	Bogota	Jasper	Fri	20	22	42	1	1

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Brothers.	Sisters.		Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.							
.....	.....	....	....	1	20	21	41	23 00	44 55	67 55	3 00	9 00	31 13	24 42
1	.....	....	....	....	20	25	45	13 85	23 95	37 80	5 00	.....	14 90	17 90
2	1	....	....	1	23	26	49	3 00	34 98	37 98	1 25	.....	25 93	10 80
2	2	....	2	..	73	98	171	25 68	213 35	239 03	.....	10 00	134 85	94 18
11	14	....	....	....	12	13	25	6 90	7 45	14 35	4 00	.....	5 25	5 10
.....	.....	....	....	....	7	13	20	29 95	30	30 25	.....	5 00	5 52	19 73
13	11	....	....	....	19	31	50	25 45	41 83	67 28	.....	6 00	46 62	14 66
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7	13	....	1	....	31	54	85	59 80	114 50	174 30	5 00	.....	105 91	63 36
1	1	....	....	....	44	29	73	23 08	43 54	66 62	.....	.....	49 96	16 66
8	12	....	....	....	21	32	53	11 12	124 95	136 07	22 00	18 70	87 44	7 93
.....	.....	1	....	....	46	40	86	59 68	89 35	149 03	10 00	.....	41 93	97 10
16	9	....	....	....	17	31	48	42 86	76 59	119 45	5 00	.....	87 51	26 94
.....	1	....	....	....	17	16	33	12 84	39 32	52 16	.....	.....	41 87	10 29
2	3	....	....	....	21	32	53	20 28	37 43	57 71	.....	.....	45 11	12 60
5	12	1	....	....	18	27	45	5 95	41 96	47 91	.....	5 00	27 95	14 96
.	1	....	.	1	10	28	38	77 78	143 45	221 23	4 00	.....	114 18	103 05
.....	.....	....	....	....	39	48	87	21 02	91 30	112 32	5 00	.....	60 45	46 87
5	1	....	....	....	14	12	26	13 81	22 00	35 81	.....	5 00	12 25	18 56
8	11	....	....	....	62	92	154	92 03	283 18	375 21	5 00	5 00	321 67	43 54
7	3	....	....	....	14	15	29	4 66	38 35	43 01	.....	.....	39 70	3 31
.....	1	....	....	....	21	25	46	23 10	40 55	63 65	.....	5 00	39 13	19 52
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.....	2	....	....	....	33	29	62	22 16	54 19	76 35	2 00	.....	32 35	42 00
2	.....	....	....	....	44	35	79	33 39	68 10	101 49	.....	.....	69 07	32 42
.....	.....	....	....	....	40	39	79	12 70	71 75	84 45	6 00	8 00	53 45	17 00
2	4	....	1	....	20	34	54	27 66	39 90	67 56	5 00	.....	38 57	23 99
1	.....	....	....	....	31	41	72	8 52	72 40	80 92	.....	.....	64 46	16 46
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12	4	...	1	1	19	37	56	41 00	64 65	105 65	... .	.....	40 71	64 94
4	2	...	1	....	38	44	82	49 09	135 48	184 57	.... .	15 00	130 39	39 18
.....	.....	....	....	....	21	30	51	29 84	37 29	67 13	.....	.....	47 66	19 47
.....	.....	..	1	....	15	18	33	15 60	35 80	51 40	.....	25 00	.....	26 40
.....	.....	....	....	1	27	24	51	11 76	23 19	34 95	.....	.....	7 55	27 40
12	10	....	....	....	36	49	85	7 42	227 66	235 08	.....	10 00	215 09	9 99
8	4	....	....	....	17	28	45	6 79	68 52	75 31	.....	10 00	45 92	19 39
.....	.....	....	....	....	17	26	43	36 55	55 74	92 29	.....	10 00	45 28	37 01
4	1	...	...	....	33	18	51	57 12	73 22	130 34	5 00	10 00	72 48	42 86
.....	.....	....	....	....	21	37	58	.....	111 25	111 25	.....	.....	101 11	10 14
.....	2	....	1	....	23	37	58	16 19	69 85	86 04	.....	5 00	52 20	28 84
5	5	....	....	....	8	12	20	43	10 81	11 24	.....	.....	6 10	5 14
27	13	....	2	1	19	40	59	14 84	87 75	102 59	.....	.....	89 09	13 50
1	1	....	....	....	22	26	48	26 67	36 35	63 02	.....	.....	53 64	9 38
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.....	.....	....	....	....	15	19	34	31 30	25 72	57 02	.....	.....	17 18	39 84
6	1	....	....	1	30	50	80	67 25	406 36	473 61	6 00	.....	403 59	64 02
3	2	..	...	....	18	22	40	3 03	31 22	37 25	.....	.....	29 40	7 85
1	2	...	....	....	25	36	61	67 95	67 45	135 40	.....	.....	68 39	67 01
3	3		....	....	23	31	54	24 10	76 57	100 67	7 45	5 00	52 14	36 08
.....	1	....	....	1	26	28	54	6 00	57 25	63 25	8 75	.....	45 96	8 51
4	5	....	....	....	20	42	62	25 61	200 26	225 97	5 00	.....	207 15	13 82
9	6	....	...	....	42	44	86	54 31	99 36	153 67	5 00	.....	115 41	33 23
8	3	..	....	1	39	53	92	46 20	171 55	217 75	.....	5 00	197 30	15 45
1	1	....	....	1	14	20	34	2 55	63 49	66 04	.....	.....	61 03	5 01
.....	.....	..	....	...	19	54	73	12 60	76 30	88 90	.....	.....	71 10	17 80
.....	.....	1	....	....	9	1	19	5 58	9 62	15 20	.....	.....	10 4	4 75
.....	.....	...	....	....	21	22	43	20 51	75 75	96 26	.....	5 00	83 53	7 73
.....	.....	...	....	....	18	16	34	8 20	52 49	60 69	.....	5 00	38 45	17 24
.....	.....	...	....	....	16	27	43	23 73	52 70	76 43	.....	.....	20 92	55 51
.....	.....	...	....	....	28	24	52	29 40	46 80	76 20	.....	10 00	57 48	8 72
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7	8	....	....	1	14	14	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....

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					Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.
New Excelsior	379	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	30	59	93	6	23
Home	380	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Tues	16	27	43	4	22
Ipava	381	Ipava	Fulton	2 and 4 Mon	....	....	...	....	....
Grand	382	Findlay	Shelby	.....	...	...	....	....	....
Keystone	383	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Tues	45	63	108	8	20
Diamond	384	Barclay	Sangamon	2 and 4 Mon	8	18	26	....	3
Victor	385	Bushnell	McDonough	1 and 3 Thurs	26	41	67	2	7
Loyal	386	Galesburg	Knox	2 and 4 Sat	20	55	75	2	16
Carnation	387	Ellsworth	McLean	2 and 4 Tues	11	14	25	4	6
Cornell	388	Cornell	Livingston	1 and 3 Sat	13	21	34	10	19
Camp	389	Grayville	White	Fri	..	.	....	....	....
Happy Valley	390	Crab Orchard	Williamson	Tues	16	15	31	....	1
Portia	391	Astoria	Fulton	2 and 4 Fri	9	21	30	3	4
Autonomy	392	Colfax	McLean	2 and 4 Mon	29	27	56	9	15
Alta	393	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Thurs	43	69	112	5	33
Lotus	394	St Anne	Kankakee	Mon	11	16	27	6	9
Crystal	395	Bethany	Moultrie	1 and 3 Mon	24	24	48	6	14
Fernwood	396	Fernwood	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	22	27	49	...	2
Tiskilwa	397	Tiskilwa	Bureau	1 and 3 Tues	17	15	32	18	24
Fish-Hook	398	Fish Hook	Pike	1 and 3 Wed	20	18	38	13	20
Silver Star	399	Chicago Heights	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	16	17	33	2	4
Dau'ters of Lib'ty	400	Caseyville	St. Clair	1 and 3 Tues	13	29	42	4	1
Rising Star	401	West Pullman	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	54	51	105	14	18
Cherry	402	Pecatonica	Winnebago	1 and 3 Tues	11	11	22	5	8
Williams	403	Dix	Jefferson	Mon	10	10	20	1	1
Silver Link	404	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	20	27	47	7	18
Advance	405	Joliet	Will	2 and 4 Fri	25	34	59	4	11
St. Elmo	406	St. Elmo	Favette	Tues	15	23	38	3	12
Cheneyville	407	Cheneyville	Vermilion	2 and 4 Fri	15	12	27	1	....
Gem	408	Williamsfield	Knox	1 and 3 Fri	16	22	38	7	6
Spoon River	409	Ellisville	Fulton	2 and 4 Fri	14	13	27	3	4
Triumph	410	Champaign	Champaign	Wed	11	21	32	10	30
Auburn Park	411	Auburn Park	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	11	16	27	5	4
Lilta	412	Foosland	Champaign	Tues	24	14	38	2	4
Iantha	413	Farmer City	DeWitt	Mon	19	25	44	9	15
Table Grove	414	Table Grove	Fulton	Fri	19	15	34	14	19
Crescent	415	Bradford	Stark	2 and 4 Fri	23	26	49	...	4
Forest Home	416	Forrest	Livingston	2 and 4 Thurs	19	13	32	3	8
Mahomet	417	Mahomet	Champaign	1 and 3 Thurs	18	22	40	...	3
Garden Prairie	418	Garden Prairie	Boone	2 and 4 Thurs	...			...	....
Mendota	419	Mendota	LaSalle	1 and 3 Wed	21	34	55	4	8
Maple City	420	Geneseo	McHenry	1 and 3 Fri	26	28	54	1	1
Surprise	421	Sheffield	Bureau	2 and 4 Wed	16	16	32	2	7
Peerless	422	Abingdon	Knox	2 and 4 Wed	15	30	45	1	6
Minnie Bell	423	Dixon	Lee	Thurs	24	25	49	....	6
West Liberty	424	West Liberty	Jasper	1 and 3 Sat	19	26	45	....	1
Wiley Prigmore	425	Spring Garden	Jefferson	Thurs	10	9	19	....	1
Vernon	426	Vernon	Marion	1 and 3 Tues	19	19	37	9	11
Allendale	427	Allendale	Wabash	Fri	15	22	37	...	1
Ivy Leaf	428	Oak Park	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	17	17	34	1	1
Kirkwood	429	Kirkwood	Warren	1 and 3 Tues	14	15	29	2	1
Wide Awake	430	Galva	Henry	1 and 3 Fri	19	24	43	1	2
Pleasant Hour	431	Coatsburg	Adams	2 and 4 Tues	8	10	18	3	3
Ætna	432	Brocton	Edgar	1 and 3 Tues	2	8	10	....	....
Vera	433	Birds	Lawrence	1 and 3 Thurs	16	20	36	....	....
Three Links	434	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Wed	58	60	118	....	....
Youngstown	435	Youngstown	Warren	2 and 4 Fri	23	21	44	....	....
United	436	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	29	34	63	1	....
Onarga	437	Onarga	Iroquois	1 and 3 Fri	24	30	54	1	5
Biggsville	438	Biggsville	Henderson	Tues	10	16	26	2	3
Laila Rookh	439	Ferris	Hancock	1 and 3 Fri	27	32	59	...	....
Watseka	440	Watseka	Iroquois	1 and 3 Fri	29	34	63	4	9
Mt. Carmel	441	Mt. Carmel	Wabash	1 and 3 Fri	12	25	37	...	3
Charm	442	Odell	Livingston	2 and 4 Fri	12	15	27	4	3
Chenoa	443	Chenoa	McLean	1 and 3 Fri	29	15	44	....	....

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10	15	....	....	....	26	67	93	$90 05	$354 90	$444 95	.....	$5 00	$405 60	$34 35
8	12	....	....	....	12	37	49	9 93	94 58	104 51	.....	.....	103 52	99
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19	12	....	....	....	34	71	105	71 60	277 70	349 30	.....	.....	317 86	31 44
1	.....	....	....	....	7	21	28	31 39	67 24	98 63	$13 00	5 00	48 75	31 88
5	3	....	....	....	23	45	68	.....	165 20	165 20	10 00	.....	56 78	98 42
2	4	....	....	1	20	66	86	5 93	185 18	191 11	.....	5 00	134 64	51 47
1	1	....	....	....	14	19	33	8 85	49 23	58 08	.....	.....	38 61	19 47
.....	.....	....	....	1	23	39	62	56	95 53	96 09	.....	.....	90 48	5 61
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4	3	....	....	....	12	13	25	26 15	13 23	39 38	.....	.....	34 75	4 63
1	2	....	....	....	11	23	34	.....	22 11	22 11	.....	.....	20 00	2 11
3	3	....	....	....	35	39	74	.....	171 04	171 04	20 00	.....	104 71	46 33
12	12	....	..	1	36	89	125	54 68	494 37	549 05	10 00	10 00	519 10	9 95
.....	.....	....	....	....	17	25	42	2 49	101 08	103 57	15 75	10 00	59 65	18 17
.....	.....	....	...	1	30	37	67	27 90	55 28	83 18	.....	.....	55 45	27 73
9	5	....	....	....	13	24	37	21 21	55 53	76 74	.....	.....	36 35	40 39
.....	.....	....	....	....	35	39	74	28 40	101 75	130 15	.....	5 00	99 88	25 27
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.....	.....	....	....	....	18	21	39	12 13	81 58	93 71	.....	10 00	65 14	18 57
1	1	....	..	....	16	29	45	.....	182 26	182 26	15 00	.....	82 02	85 24
10	13	....	....	..	58	56	114	17 90	325 08	342 98	.....	17 90	310 56	14 52
2	....	....	....	1	14	18	32	9 52	24 40	33 92	.....	.....	24 67	9 25
2	2	....	....	1	9	8	17	6 00	16 65	22 65	.....	.....	11 75	10 90
1	1	....	..	....	26	44	70	20 33	254 32	274 65	9 00	.....	250 75	14 90
1	2	....	....	....	28	43	71	15 28	128 23	143 51	.....	.....	13 65	129 86
.....	.....	....	....	....	18	35	53	12 33	63 34	75 67	.....	.....	44 19	31 48
.....	.....	....	....	....	16	12	28	13 48	15 69	29 17	.....	.....	18 35	10 82
.....	.....	....	....	....	23	28	51	10 05	80 40	90 45	.....	.....	28 46	51 99
.....	.....	....	....	....	17	17	31	8 35	80 50	88 85	.....	.....	71 47	17 38
.....	.....	....	....	....	21	51	72	16 25	195 85	212 10	.....	.....	198 74	13 36
2	2	....	....	....	14	18	32	2 72	82 63	85 35	.....	.....	66 00	19 35
.....	.....	..	...	....	26	18	44	116 36	10 50	126 86	.....	.....	103 32	23 54
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.....	.....	....	..	....	33	34	67	1 00	84 75	85 75	.....	.....	42 11	43 64
.....	.....	....	....	....	23	30	53	.....	140 90	140 9	.....	.....	117 35	23 55
1	.....	....	....	..	21	21	42	2 61	94 52	97 13	.....	.....	75 23	21 90
2	.....	..	....	....	16	25	41	.....	47 03	47 03	.....	.....	33 51	13 49
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.....	.....	....	....	....	24	31	55	.....	123 24	123 24	.....	.....	112 66	10 58
1	.....	....	....	....	18	27	45	.....	98 66	98 66	.....	5 00	80 72	12 94
.....	.....	....	...	1	10	9	19	.....	37 96	37 96	.....	.....	35 97	1 99
.....	.....	....	....	1	28	29	57	.....	111 55	111 55	.....	.....	95 04	16 51
.....	.....	....	....	...	15	23	38	.....	86 43	86 43	.....	.....	70 47	15 96
.....	.....	....	....	1	18	17	35	.....	119 67	119 67	.....	.....	83 58	36 09
.....	1	....	....	....	16	15	31	.....	71 00	71 00	.....	.....	53 79	17 21
.....	.....	....	....	....	20	26	46	.....	108 64	108 64	.....	.....	104 37	4 27
.....	.....	....	....	...	11	13	24	.....	46 95	46 95	.....	.....	43 65	3 30
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.....	.....	....	....	....	16	20	36	.....	77 22	77 22	.....	.....	73 91	3 31
2	4	....	....	....	56	56	112	.....	353 44	353 44	.....	.....	276 39	77 05
.....	.....	....	....	....	23	21	44	.....	96 75	96 76	.....	.....	84 79	11 96
.....	.....	....	....	....	30	34	64	.....	222 28	222 28	.....	.....	199 49	22 79
.....	.....	....	....	....	25	35	60	.....	134 92	134 92	.....	.....	81 45	53 47
.....	.....	....	....	....	12	19	31	.....	55 07	55 07	.....	.....	35 04	20 03
.....	.....	..	....	....	27	32	59	.....	171 17	171 17	.....	.....	156 52	14 65
.....	.....	....	....	....	33	43	76	.....	145 25	145 25	.....	3 00	123 97	18 28
.....	.....	....	....	....	12	28	40	.....	87 43	87 43	.....	.....	64 11	23 32
.....	.....	....	....	....	16	18	34	.....	57 82	57 82	.....	.....	38 60	19 22
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Hegewisch Star	444	Hegewisch	Cook	1 and 3 Tues	20	21	41	6	12
Pride of Lanark	445	Lanark	Carroll	1 and 3 Wed	19	48	67	2	6
Seymour	446	Seymour	Champaign	1 and 3 Tues					
Banner	447	Downer's Grove	DuPage	1 and 3 Tues	15	28	43		2
Aurora	448	Mitchellsville	Saline	Wed	22	19	41		5
Sweet Brier	449	Yorkville	Kendall	2 and 4 Tues	15	13	28	1	3
Unique	450	Arrowsmith	McLean	Sat	15	19	34		
Merna	451	Armington	Tazewell	Tues	13	14	27	1	1
Orangeville	452	Orangeville	Stephenson	Mon				28	29
Fannie	453	Armstrong	Vermilion	Tues				29	32
Crawford	454	Heathsville	Crawford	2 and 4 Tues	16	20	36	2	3
Emerald	455	Whitefield	Bureau	2 and 4 Tues				6	7
Marjorie	456	Seaton	Mercer						
Mecie	457	Milmine	Piatt	1 and 3 Tues				15	17
Neola	458	London Mills	Fulton	2 and 4 Fri				13	17
Garnet	459	Wapella	DeWitt	1 and 3 Tues				10	14
Blue Bell	460	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Tues				19	41
Bardolph	461	Bardolph	McDonough	1 and 3 Wed				14	19
Tennessee	462	Tennessee	McDonough	Thurs				11	24
Marie	463	Elliott	Ford	2 and 4 Tues				17	18
South Englewood	464	So. Englewood	Cook	2 and 4 Fri				20	22
Mistletoe	465	Batavia	Kane						
Ornate	466	Elkville	Jackson	Tues				18	19
Mt. Vernon	467	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson						
Streator	468	Streator	LaSalle						
Pride of Lake City	469	Chicago	Cook						
Queen of the West	470	Chicago	Cook						
Rochelle	471	Rochelle	Ogle						
Mill Shoals	472	Mill Shoals	White						
Roxana	473	Herscher	Kankakee						
Princess	474	Hollowayville	Bureau						
Alton	475	Alton	Madison						
Nile	476	Victoria	Knox						
Juanita	477	Granite City	Madison						
	478								
Clifton	479	Kansas	Edgar						
Patoka	480	Patoka	Marion						
Sunshine	481	Ravenswood	Cook						
Colvin	482	Cisne	Wayne						
Shannon	483	Shannon	Carroll						
Blue Mound	484	Blue Mound	Macon						
Wisdom	485	Niantic	Macon						
Palestine	486	Palestine	Crawford						
Baylis	487	Baylis	Pike						
Tirzah	488	Aurora	Kane						
Hiawatha	489	Cooksville	McLean						
White Lily	490	Rinard	Wayne						
Rising Sun	491	Smithborn	Bond						
North Star	492	Capron	Boone						
Dew Drop	493	Spring Valley	Bureau						
Trilby	494	Grant Park	Kankakee						
Mary B. Stevens	495	Robinson	Crawford						
Orient	496	Palmer	Christian						
Halcyon	497	Beverly	Adams						
Triple Tie	498	Bureau	Bureau						
Golden Star	499	Ridge Farm	Vermilion						
Martha	500	Johnsonville	Wayne						
Tamaroa	501	Tamaroa	Perry						
Hasletine	502	LaSalle	LaSalle						
Hesperides	503	Chrisman	Edgar						
Edgiva	504	West Point	Hancock						
Violet	505	Riverton	Sangamon						
Pontoosuc	506	Pontoosuc	Hancock						

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Fourteenth report, by Bro. Barnum—On Lodges Delinquent April 30, 1897, which have not yet sent in reports and dues, recommending that mileage and per diem be withheld from the representatives of such Lodges, and further, that Lodge Deputies in future be notified that the law in this regard must be strictly obeyed, and that they will be held responsible for any failure of duty on their part. Presented and adopted, 300.

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Sixteenth report, by Bro. Holt—On Condition of the Order as reported by the Grand Master, congratulating the Order that, notwithstanding the general depression during the last year, the situation is one of encouragement. Presented, 318; adopted 336.

Seventeenth report, by Bro. Roland—On Losses by Fire reported by the Grand Secretary, sympathizing with the Lodges that have suffered by their own neglect in being uninsured, and recommending that it be made an imperative duty of Lodge Deputies to see that the law is strictly complied with; further recommending that the action of the Grand Secretary in furnishing duplicate charters be approved. Presented, 319; adopted, 336.

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Nineteenth report, by Bro. Barnum—On Entertainment of Sovereign Grand Lodge, recommending that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be returned to the committee having the matter in charge and all who assisted them. Presented 318 (320); adopted, 336.

Twentieth report, by Bro. Houser—On Protest of Lodge No. 540 against increase in capitation tax. The committee say that the administration of the Order should be carried out on economical lines, consistent with approved business methods and principles, but think the matter should have been referred to the Committee on Finance, and ask to be relieved from further consideration of the case. Presented 342; adopted, 389.

Twenty-first report, by Bro. Barnum—On case of Bro. R. J. Osman, for whom aid is asked, detailing the condition and needs of the brother, and recommending that the assistance asked for be granted. Presented, 342; adopted, 389.

Twenty-second report, by Bro. Barnum—On case of Bro. Christian Schuettner, for whom aid is asked. The committee do not feel warranted in recommending the assistance asked for without proper investigation by some one specially deputized by the Grand Master, and ask to be excused from further consideration of the case. Presented, 342 (344); adopted, 389.

Twenty-third report, by Bro. Roland—On application of Madison Lodge, No. 43, for permission to solicit aid. The committee report that the matter is not properly within their province, and therefore ask to be discharged from its further consideration. Presented, 342 (344); adopted, 389.

Twenty-fourth report, by Bro. Barnum—On action of Percy Lodge, No. 827, in establishing an Odd Fellows' Cemetery, recommending approval. Presented, 342 (344): adopted, 389.

Twenty-fifth report, by Bro. Roland—On petition for aid for widow and children of Bro. Simal Walters, recommending reference to incoming Grand Master, and asking to be excused from further consideration. Presented, 342 (345); adopted, 389.

Twenty-sixth report, by Bro. Houser—On petition for aid by Lodge 750 in case of Bro. H. F. Johnson. The committee hold that the case should have been submitted to the Grand Master and investigated under his authority before being presented to the Grand Lodge, and therefore ask to be released from further action. Presented, 342 (345); adopted, 389.

Twenty-seventh report, by Bro. Ellacott—On petition for aid of Bro. Jacob Wiford, a member of defunct Lodge No. 498, recommending reference to incoming Grand Master, with power to take such action as he may deem advisable, after due investigation. Presented, 342 (346); adopted, 389.

Twenty-eighth report, by Bro. Ellacott—On petition for aid for Bro. Isaac Coble, of defunct Lodge No. 530, recommending reference to incoming Grand Master, with power to afford such relief as he may judge proper, after due investigation. Presented, 342 (346); adopted, 389.

Twenty-ninth report, by Bro. Houser—In the matter of Decoration of Graves, recommending adoption of resolution, Document No. 58. Presented, 342 (347); adopted, 389.

Thirtieth report, by Bro. Roland—In the matter of Veteran Jewels as reported by the Grand Secretary (page 169), commending the subject to the consideration of members of the Order. Presented, 342 (347); adopted, 389.

Thirty-first report, by Bro. Barnum—On complaint of Bro. Brail, that Lodges in Cook county are initiating and conferring degrees for less than the lawful fees, instructing the incoming Grand Master to investigate, and if the charges are found true, to take such measures as will put a stop to the violation of law. Presented, 342 (348); adopted, 389.

Thirty-second report, by Bro. Houser—On Exchange of Rituals as set forth in Grand Secretary's Report (page 170), approving and commending the diligence and zeal of the Grand Secretary in the prompt discharge of his duties in this matter. Presented, 342 (348); adopted, 389.

Thirty-third report, by Bro. Roland—On so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge Committees (page 157), recommending that the Grand Lodge concur in the expressions of appreciation therein contained. Presented, 342 (349); adopted, 389.

Thirty-fourth report, by Bro. Barnum—On case of Thomas Taylor (Doc. 96, page 330), recommending that the case be dismissed. Presented and adopted, 376.

On Legislation.

First report, by Bro. Latimer—Recommending amendment to G. L. Const., VI, 10, reducing rate of mileage to four cents one way. Presented, 337, and laid over for one year.

Second report, by Bro. Latimer—On so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to Daily Journal of the session, recommending that the future publication of such journal be discontinued. Presented, 388: considered and non-adopted, 388.

Third report, by Bro. Latimer—On proposed amendment to G. L. Const., VIII, 1, recommending non-adoption of same. Presented, 339, and laid over for one year.

Fourth report, by Bro. Latimer—On proposed amendment to Sub. Const., II, 8, adverse to the proposed change. Presented, 339, adopted, 388.

Fifth report, by Bro. Latimer—On proposed amendments (Docs. 5 and 6) to G. L. Const., VI, 10, citing first report of the committee, recommending amendment of same section on a different basis, and adverse to the proposed amendments under consideration. Presented, 339, and laid over for one year, 340.

Sixth report, by Bro. Bross—On resolution (Doc. 70) instructing our G. Reps. to work and vote for Biennial Sessions of Sovereign Grand Lodge, recommending adoption of the resolution. Presented, 340; adopted, 388.

Seventh report, by Bro. Bross—On resolutions (Docs. 8 and 67) proposing amendments to G. L. Const., Article VII, under which regular sessions would be held biennially instead of annually. The committee are of the opinion that such change is not practical or for the good of the Order at present, and recommend non-adoption of the resolutions on that subject. Presented, 345; adopted, 388.

Eighth report, by Bro. Feltman—On Report of Grand Representatives, urging that the membership generally make themselves familiar with all therein contained. Presented, 341; adopted, 388.

Ninth report, by Bro. Anderson—On proposed amendment (Doc. 51) of Sub. Const., Article V, adverse to its adoption. Presented, 341; adopted, 388.

Tenth report, by Bro. Anderson—On proposed amendment (Doc. 52) of Sub. Const., VII, 5, recommending non-adoption of same. Presented, 342; adopted, 388.

Eleventh report, by Bro. Anderson—On Document 133, resolutions instructing G. Reps. to use all reasonable effort toward effecting a reduction of representation in Sov. G. L. to one representative from each Grand Lodge, and one from each Grand Encampment, and to report their acts and doings and the measure of their success in this direction at the next session of this Grand Lodge. The committee, for reasons stated, recommend non-adoption of the resolutions. Presented and adopted, 364.

Twelfth report, by Bro. Anderson—On Document 134, recommending non-adoption. Presented, and non-adopted, 365. [See further action Thursday evening, pages 386–7.]

Thirteenth report, by Bro. Anderson—On Document 135, recommending non-adoption. Presented and adopted, 365.

Fourteenth report, by Bro. Gregory—On resolution (Doc. 142, page 358) in relation to appointment of Standing Committees of Grand Lodge, recommending that the resolution be not adopted. Presented, considered, and not adopted, 374.

Fifteenth report, by Bro. Gregory—On resolution (Doc. 146, page 356) proposing change in membership and representation in Grand Lodge, adverse to its adoption. Presented, and laid over for one year, 375.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. Feltman—On proposed amendment (Doc. 141, page 357) to G. L. Const., VIII, 5, recommending its adoption. Presented, and laid over for one year, 375.

Seventeenth report, by Bro. Bross—On Doc. 108, page 337. The committee are of opinion that the proposed legislation is unnecessary, and ask to be relieved from further consideration thereof. Presented and adopted, 380.

On Finance.

First report, by Bro. Krohn—Stock on hand May 1, 1897. Presented, 266; adopted, 314.

Second report, by Bro. Krohn—On Subordinate Lodges Delinquent in reporting for term ending March 31, 1897, giving list of such Lodges, without recommendation. Presented, 267; referred to Com. State of Order, 268.

Third report, by Bro. Harrison—Inventory of G. L. Supplies, May 1, 1897. Presented, 268; adopted, 314.

Fourth report, by Bro. Weise—Stock on hand May 1, 1897. Presented, 269; adopted, 314.

Fifth report, by Bro. Krohn—Furniture and Fixtures May 1, 1897. Presented, 270; adopted, 314.

Sixth report, by Bro. Harrison—Purchases and Sales for six months ending May 1, 1897. Presented, 271, adopted, 314.

Seventh report, by Bro. Krohn—Cash Statement for six months ending May 1, 1897. Presented. 272; adopted, 314.

Eighth report, by Bro. Harrison—Purchases and Sales for six months ending Nov. 1, 1897. Presented, 273; adopted, 314.

Ninth report, by Bro. Weise—Furniture and Fixtures in Grand Secretary's Office. Presented, 274; adopted, 314.

Tenth report, by Bro. Krohn—Stock on hand Nov. 1, 1897. Presented, 275; adopted, 314.

Eleventh report, by Bro. Harrison—Cash Statement for six months ending Nov. 1, 1897. Presented, 276; adopted, 314.

Twelfth report, by Bro. Krohn—Inventory of G. L. Supplies Nov. 1, 1897. Presented, 276; adopted, 314.

Thirteenth report, by Bro. Weise—On Annual Session Journal, recommending the printing of 2,500 in English and 150 in German, both editions to be bound in cloth. Presented, 278; adopted, 315.

Fourteenth report, by Bro. Harrison—On Books and Accounts of the Grand Secretary, finding them correct, and that G. Secretary Miller is entitled to the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the systematic and careful manner in which he conducts the affairs of his office. Presented, 278; adopted, 315.

Fifteenth report, by Bro. Weise—On Subordinate Lodges Delinquent October 31st, 1897, calling attention to the necessity of adopting measures to enforce prompt payment of capitation tax. Presented, and referred to Com. on State of Order, 278.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. Krohn—Estimates of Receipts and Disbursements for ensuing year, and fixing rate of capitation tax. Presented, 279; withdrawn, 302; amended and again presented, 361; consideration postponed, 362. [Superseded by the committee's thirty-fourth report, which see, page 382.]

Seventeenth report, by Bro. Weise—On Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, finding them correct and recommending that all cancelled vouchers be burned; further recommending that hereafter no warrant on any fund shall be honored by the G. Treasurer when such fund does not show upon his books sufficient money to pay the same. Presented, 279; adopted, 315.

Eighteenth (incorrectly printed "Eighth") report, by Bro. Krohn—On Bill of Expenses of Committee on Railroads, recommending payment. Presented and adopted, 313.

Ninteenth report, by Bro. Weise—On bill of Peabody Lodge (Doc. 69, page 310), recommending payment. Presented, 317; adopted, 336.

Twentieth report, by Bro. Harrison—On bill of J. E. Woods, recommending payment. Presented, 318; adopted, 336.

Twenty-first report, by Bro. Krohn—On bill of Barkley & Lax, recommending payment. Presented, 318; adopted, 336.

Twenty-second report, by Bro. Harrison—On bill of G. Treasurer Needles, for clerk-hire, etc., recommending payment. Presented, 332; adopted, 336.

Twenty-third report, by Bro. Weise—Approving bond of Grand Secretary. Presented, 334; adopted, 336.

Twenty-fourth report, by Bro. Harrison—Approving bond of Grand Treasurer. Presented, 334; adopted, 336.

Twenty-fifth report, by Bro. Krohn—On resolution (Doc. 90, page 324) proposing to merge certain allowances and portions of salaries into the fund for building the Old Folks' Home, non-concurring in the proposition. Presented, 334; adopted, 336.

Twenty-sixth report, by Bro. Weise—Appropriating $40 for payment of Janitors' services. Presented, 335; adopted 336.

Twenty-seventh report, by Bro. Harrison—On bill of M. Blumle, for services as Assistant Janitor, recommending payment. Presented, 335; adopted, 337.

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Thirty-second report, by Bro. Krohn—On bill of expenses of Committee on Printing, (Doc. 137, page 353), recommending payment. Presented and adopted, 376.

Thirty-third report, by Bro. Weise—On bill of Bro. Stone, P. G. M., (Doc. 101, page 333), recommending payment. Presented and adopted, 376.

Thirty-fourth report, by Bro. Krohn—Final estimates of Receipts and Disbursements, and fixing rate of Capitation Tax for ensuing year. Presented and adopted, 382.

Thirty-fifth report, by Bro. Harrison—On bill of E. F. Hartmann, recommending payment. Presented and adopted, 383.

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First report, by Bro. Stone—On resolution (Doc. 4, page 262) purporting to be presented by Lodge No. 361, instructing G. Reps. to work for such change in the law of eligibility in a Rebekah Lodge as will exclude all women who are not either wives, mothers or daughters of Odd Fellows. The resolution not being attested by the seal of the Lodge, and not being signed by the officers of the Lodge or any other person, the committee ask to be relieved from its further consideration. Presented and adopted, 302.

Second report, by Bro. Grubb—On the sentiments of the Grand Master in relation to the Rebekah Branch of the Order, as expressed in his report, page 12, indorsing and concurring in the same. Presented, 316; adopted, 336.

Third report, by Bro. Grubb—On new Rebekah Lodges instituted under dispensation during the year, approving, and recommending charters for the same. Presented, 317; adopted, 336.

Fourth report, by Bro. Grubb—On Rebekah Lodges Closed during the year, deploring the necessity for such action, but recommending approval. Presented, 317; adopted, 336.

Fifth report, by Bro. Stone—On resolution (Doc. 139, page 355) instructing G. Reps. to work for repeal of present law of eligibility and adoption of former law, which permits women to join the Rebekah Branch only when related to an Odd Fellow. The committee recommend non-adoption of the resolution. Presented, 365; considered and not adopted, 366.

Sixth report, by Bro. Grubb—On proposed amendments (Document 145) to Constitution of Rebekah Assembly, recommending that the amount of Secretary's bond be made $5,000, and with this change that the amendments be adopted. Presented and adopted, 370.

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Second report, by Bro. Coal—Relating to bids and contract for German edition of Journal of Session of 1897. Presented, 281; adopted, 315.

Third report, by Bro. Dinkelman—Relating to bids and contracts for Daily Journal, and English edition of Session Journal of 1897. Presented, 281; adopted, 282.

Fourth report, by Bro. Camp—Relating to bids and contracts for printing Circulars, Proclamations, etc., for the ensuing year. Presented, 282; adopted, 315.

Fifth report, by Bro. Camp—Relating to bids and contract for printing Proceedings of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals for the ensuing year. Presented, 283; adopted, 315.

Sixth report, by Bro. Kewley—On contract and execution of same for printing and binding Revised Code, with bill for the work, payment of which is recommended by the committee. Presented and referred to Committee on Finance, 353. [See thirty-second report of Committee on Finance, page 376.]

Seventh report, by Bro. Windrow—Asking that itemized Bill of Expenses of the committee, embraced in the report, be allowed. Presented, 354; adopted, 389.

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First report, by Bro. Samson—On Kossuth Lodge Case. The committee sustain the action of the Grand Master, and recommend that the charter of the Lodge be revoked; they further recommend that

cards be issued to certain members named, who presented satisfactory evidence of non-participation in the wrongful acts of the Lodge. Presented, 332; adopted, 388. [See pages 157 and 224.]

Second report, (supplemental to first), by Bro. Howard—The committee, after hearing evidence in his behalf, are of opinion that John R. Cook, a member of said Lodge, is innocent of the offenses charged, and that a card should be issued to him. Presented and adopted, 382. [See page 226.]

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900 auto
310 Stapler

2800
2440

5600

OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.

SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

GRAND MASTERS.

DATE.	NAME.	NO
1838	Samuel C. Peirce*	1
1839	Alexander Botkin*	2
1842	Eli Cook*	6
1843	Thomas J. Burns*	6
1844	J. C. Doremus*	6
1844	John L. Peake,* vacancy.	6
1845	Thomas Alsop*	6
1846	Stevens S. Jones*	14
1847	William M. Parker	7
1848	Charles H. Constable*	35
1849	George W. Woodward*	17
1850	D. P. Wilbanks*	19
1850	Isaac G. Wilson, vacancy.	47
1851	Henry L. Rucker*	11
1852	John W. Davenport*	38
1853	William Rounseville*	14
1854	James E. Starr	2
1855	Perry A. Armstrong	75
1856	Augustus C. Marsh*	36
1857	Willis Duff Green	13
1858	Harrison W. Griswold*	30
1859	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57
1860	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1861	Henry S. Austin*	109
1862	Harman G. Reynolds*	6
1863	John G. Rogers*	22
1864	Amasa S. Barry*	2
1865	Joseph R. Scroggs*	30
1866	Henry S. Herr	77
1867	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1868	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1869	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1870	Thomas B. Needles	37
1871	John C. Smith	17
1872	Fredolin Bross	224
1873	Thomas F. Mitchell	77
1874	Elijah B. Sherman	214
1875	John H. Oberly	224
1876	Amos Henderson	4
1877	John Lake	140
1878	Alfred Orendorff	465
1879	Augustus W. Berggren	446
1880	James S. Ticknor	31
1881	Alonzo Ellwood	105
1882	Columbus A. Keller	13
1883	James R. Miller	426
1884	Enos F. Phelps	478
1885	Andrew D. Sanders	465
1886	Joseph S. Carr*	430
1887	George F. Howard	664
1888	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1889	John L. Barnum	9
1890	Robert W. S. Wheatley	232
1891	Martin W. Schaefer	650
1892	Edwin S. Conway	217
1893	Henry A. Stone	562
1894	Henry Phillips	68
1895	Charles F. Mansfield	589
1896	George C. Rankin	160
1897	Cicero J. Lindly	3

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1838	Alexander Botkin*	2
1839	A. W. Chenoweth	
1842	W. D. Mitchell, short term	3
1842	Christopher G. Y. Taylor*	7
1843	Joseph Sturgis	7
1844	John L. Peake*	6
1844	M.F.Wickersham,* vac'ncy	6
1845	Henry Gooding*	3

*Known to be dead.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME	NO
1845	Stevens S. Jones*	14
1846	Thomas Elmes	12
1847	Washington J. Taylor*	15
1848	Franklin Scammon*	11
1849	D. P. Wilbanks*	19
1850	Isaac G. Wilson	47
1851	Isaac S. Hicks*	4
1852	John Filkins*	9
1853	Charles P. Dunbaugh*	16
1854	Allen C. Lewis*	22
1855	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57
1856	Gustavus A. Smith*	65
1857	George F. Crocker	22
1858	Harrison W. Griswold*	30
1859	John P. Foss	55
1860	Joel W. Smull*	155
1861	A. B. Austin*	91
1862	Joseph R. Scroggs*	30
1863	William W. Winter*	257
1864	John Lake	31
1865	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1866	Edward A. Rucker*	11
1867	Amos Watts*	37
1868	T. Warren Floyd*	220
1869	Thomas F. Mitchell	77
1870	Richard H. Jordan	214
1871	Samuel A. Flagler	233
1872	Washington L. Sweeney	18
1873	Albert G. Wolford*	1
1874	W. A. Welsher*	190
1875	Thomas M. Blake	259
1876	Michael W. Piggott	406
1877	Augustus W. Berggren	446
1878	Andrew T. Sherman	400
1879	Alonzo Ellwood	105
1880	James R. Miller	426
1881	Columbus A. Keller	13
1882	Enos F. Phelps	478
1883	Andrew D. Sanders	465
1884	Joseph S. Carr*	430
1885	James H. Miller	69
1886	George F. Howard	664
1887	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1888	John L. Barnum	9
1889	Robert W. S. Wheatley	232
1890	Martin W. Schaefer	650
1891	Edwin S. Conway	217
1892	Henry A. Stone	562
1893	Henry Phillips	68
1894	Charles F. Mansfield	589
1895	George C. Rankin	160
1896	Cicero J. Lindly	3
1897	Melvin P. Berry	412

GRAND WARDENS.

1838	David P. Berry	
1839	David Ward	1
1842	Michael Rapp	4
1843	John L. Peake*	6
1844	M. F. Wickersham*	6
1845	M. F. Wickersham*	6
1846	William M. Parker	7
1847	Morris Lindsay*	6
1848	John M. Law*	21
1849	J. J. Lescher	20
1850	Henry A. Foster	21
1851	David B. Jackson*	40
1852	John W. Shinn*	15
1853	Albert G. Wolford*	2
1854	William R. Lockwood	12
1855	Tyler J. Irish*	87
1856	Harrison W. Griswold*	30
1857	W. R. Weld*	59
1858	Charles E. Winthrop*	97
1859	Andrew H. Marschalk*	241
1860	Lewis W. Smith	90
1861	Albert G. Lull*	22
1862	William W. Winter*	257
1863	A. J. Sprague*	232
1864	Isaac W. Baldwin*	5
1865	John A. Bush	21
1866	John A. Bush	21
1867	W. F. Kelsch	11
1868	Thomas B. Needles	37
1869	Fredolin Bross	224
1870	Charles W. Heaton	44
1871	James H. Miller	69
1872	John H. Young	22
1873	Andrew T. Sherman	400
1874	Thomas M. Blake	259
1875	James F. Drish	260
1876	Augustus W. Berggren	446
1877	Robert B. Foster	89
1878	Robert K. Dewey	3
1879	Robert H. Flanigan	284
1880	Columbus A. Keller	13
1881	Enos F. Phelps	478
1882	W. W. Krape	30
1883	David L. Murdock	290
1884	Swan A. Miller	745
1885	George F. Howard	664
1886	John Schnitzer	389
1887	John L. Barnum	9

*Known to be dead.

GRAND WARDENS—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	NO.	DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1888	W. H. Underwood, Jr.	447	1893	Charles F. Mansfield	589
1889	Martin W. Schaefer	650	1894	George C. Rankin	160
1890	Edwin S. Conway	217	1895	Cicero J. Lindly	3
1891	Henry A. Stone	122	1896	Melvin P. Berry	412
1892	Henry Phillips	68	1897	L. L. McKinley	41

GRAND SECRETARIES.

1838	Samuel L. Miller*	1	1862	James E. Starr	269
1839	Alfred Shannon		1864	Samuel Willard	214
1842	Thomas J. Burns*	6	1869	Nathaniel Coffin Nason	109
1843	Lucien B. Adams*	8	1886	Franklin E. Huddle†	77
1846	John F. Ruhe	6	1888	George M. Adams	400
1847	Stephen A. Corneau*	6	1892–1897	James R. Miller	426
1856	Samuel Willard	214			

GRAND TREASURERS.

1838	John M. Krum*	2	1848	John G. Ives, vacancy	8
1839	John R. Woods*		1849	John G. Ives	8
1842	Morris Lindsay*	6	1855	James Jackson*	4
1844	Eli Cook*	6	1864	James E. Starr	2
1844	Jotham S. Rogers*	6	1867	Amasa S. Barry*	2
1844	C. G. Sanders*	6	1882	Melville C. Eames	214
1845	John L. Peake*	6	1882	James S. Ticknor	31
1846	N. W. Matheny* declines	6	1883–1897	Thomas B. Needles	37
1846	John L. Peake‡*	6			
1848	Herman Blakeley	21			

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

1839	Samuel Prior, proxy		1852	Henry L. Rucker*	11
1840	Augustus Mathiot, proxy		1852	Wm. Rounseville,* No. 14, vice Wilson, No. 47, but the G. L. U. S. gave the seat to Wilson, No. 47.	
1842	James Earnest, proxy		1853	Isaac G. Wilson	47
1843	James Earnest, proxy		1853	Henry L. Rucker*	11
1844	Wm. S. Stewart, proxy		1853	Henry L. Rucker*	11
1846	Thomas Alsop*	6	1854	Henry S. Austin*	109
1847	Stevens S. Jones*	14	1855	Henry S. Austin*	109
1848	H. E. Roberts	19	1855	William Rounseville*	14
1848	William M. Parker	7	1856	Perry A. Armstrong	75
1848	C. G. Y. Taylor,* No. 7, vice Parker, No. 7, resigned		1856	James E. Starr	2
1849	C. H. Constable*	20	1857	James E. Starr	2
1849	John G. Potts,* No. 5, vice Roberts, No. 19, resigned		1857	Perry A. Armstrong	75
1850	George W. Woodward*	17	1858	Perry A. Armstrong	75
1850	Stephen A. Corneau* No. 6, vice Constable, No. 20		1858	Augustus C. Marsh*	36
1851	Isaac G. Wilson	47	1859	Augustus C. Marsh*	36
1851	Horace F. Ash*	6	1859	Willis Duff Green	13
1851	Wm. Rounseville,* No. 14 went vice Wilson, No. 47. Ash, No. 6, resigned		1860	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57
			1860	John G. Potts*	5
			1861	Jeremiah Griswold	250

*Known to be dead.

†Expelled.

‡Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of N. W. Matheny.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1861	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57
1862	Edward A. Rucker*	11
1862	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1863	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1863	Edward A. Rucker*	11
1864	John P. Foss	55
1864	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1865	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1865	John P. Foss	55
1866	Samuel Willard	6
1866	Albert G. Lull*	22
1867	Henry S. Herr	77
1867	Samuel Willard	6
1868	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1868	Henry S. Herr	77
1869	Daniel L. Shorey	22
1869	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1870	Louis Furst*	295
1870	Daniel L. Shorey	22
1871	Thomas B. Needles	37
1871	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1872	John C. Smith	17
1872	Thomas B. Needles	37
1873	Thomas B. Needles	37
1873	John C. Smith	17
1874	Thomas F. Mitchell	77
1874	Thomas B. Needles	37
1875	Elijah B. Sherman	214
1875	Thomas F. Mitchell	77
1876	John H. Oberly	224
1876	Elijah B. Sherman	214
1877	Amos Henderson	4
1877	John H. Oberly	224
1878	John Lake	140
1878	Amos Henderson	4
1879	Alfred Orendorff	465
1879	John Lake	140
1880	John Lake	140
1880	Alfred Orendorff	465
1881	Alfred Orendorff	465
1881	John Lake	140
1882	John Lake	140
1882	Alfred Orendorff	465
1883	Alfred Orendorff	465
1883	John Lake	140
1884	Augustus W. Berggren	446
1884	Alfred Orendorff	465
1885	Alfred Orendorff	465
1885	Augustus W. Berggren	446
1886	James R. Miller	426
1886	Alfred Orendorff	465
1887	Alfred Orendorff	465
1887	James R. Miller	426
1888	James R. Miller	426
1888	Alfred Orendorff	465
1889	Alfred Orendorff	465
1889	James R. Miller	426
1890	James R. Miller	226
1890	Alfred Orendorff	465
1891	James R. Miller	426
1891	Alfred Orendorff	465
1892	James R. Miller	426
1892	Robert W. S. Wheatley	232
1893	Robert W. S. Wheatley	232
1893	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1894	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1894	Edwin S. Conway	217
1895	Edwin S. Conway	217
1895	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1896	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1896	Edwin S. Conway	217
1897	Edwin S. Conway	217
1897	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1898	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1898	Edwin S. Conway	217

*Known to be dead.

GRAND OFFICERS AND ADDRESS OF EACH.

Cicero J. Lindly	Grand Master	Greenville
Melvin P. Berry	Deputy Grand Master	Carthage
L. L. McKinley	Grand Warden	Triumph
James R. Miller	Grand Secretary	Springfield
Thomas B. Needles	Grand Treasurer	Nashville
J. Otis Humphrey	Grand Representative	Springfield
Edwin S. Conway	Grand Representative	Oak Park
Rev. J. A. Lucas	Grand Chaplain	Gibson City
E. H. Kinney	Grand Marshal	Table Grove
John R. Davis	Grand Conductor	Jacksonville
C. E. Wolfe	Grand Guardian	Flora
W. H. Bean	Grand Herald	Woodlawn Park

NOTICES.

☞The next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F., will be held in City of Springfield on the third Tuesday of November, 1898, viz: the 15th day of the month, at 7 o'clock p. m.

☞The special attention of Secretaries and others is directed to the following law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That Grand Scribes and Grand Secretaries are hereby prohibited from delivering or transmitting visiting or withdrawal cards to any person whatever, or to any Encampment or Lodge, excepting upon the Order in writing of an Encampment or Lodge, signed by its Scribe (in the case of an Encampment) or by its Secretary (in case of a Lodge), and authenticated by the official seal of the Encampment or Lodge.

Also, to the law of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed not to fill any orders for supplies, for Lodges or individuals, *unless the cash accompany such order.*

Prices for supplies may be found on the reverse side of this leaf.

☞In ordering such supplies as are sent by express (see next page), give full instructions; state to what office or station, and in whose care they may be forwarded.

☞All communications intended for the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Secretary, must be addressed to the undersigned at Springfield. The Grand Secretary's office is in the Odd Fellows' Building, cor. Monroe and Fourth streets.

JAMES R. MILLER,
Grand Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Prices of I. O. O. F. Supplies and Regulations.

The following articles are kept at the office of the Grand Secretary for sale. The Journals of the G. L. of Illinois and of the Sov. G. L. I. O. O. F., Digests, Codes, Book of Forms, Book of Odes, Anniversary and Funeral Ceremonies and Diplomas are sold to individuals; the other articles must be ordered for Lodges, under seal, with payment accompanying the order.

	Each
Visiting Cards, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge	$ 25
Withdrawal Cards, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge	25
Dismissal Certificates, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge	25
Odes, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge	05
Odes, Anniversary	05
Funeral Hymns and Responses	05
Odes with Music, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge (each)	10
Book of Odes—both Sub. and Reb. Lodge—with Music	65
Diplomas, less than 10	75
Diplomas, 10 or more at one time	60
Diplomas for Ladies, members of Rebekah Lodges	25
Book of Forms	1 00
Rituals, Subordinate Lodge	2 50
Rituals, Rebekah Lodge	2 50
Anniversary Ceremony	25
Funeral Ceremony, Subordinate Lodge	25
Funeral Ceremony, Rebekah Lodge	25
Journal, Sov. G. L., I. O. O. F., Vols. I to XVII inclusive (each)	2 00
Journal, G. L. of Illinois, Sessions of 1881 to 1893 (each)	25
Journal, G. L. of Illinois, Sessions of 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897	50
Book of Petitions for Membership, Sub. or Reb., 100 Petitions	75
Question Book, 150 Sets of Questions	1 50
Official Certificates, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge, book of 100	1 00
Degree Charts	2 25
Digest, Sov. Grand Lodge, to 1895	3 00
Digest, Illinois, or "Code of 1896"	2 00
Floor Work for Subordinate or Rebekah Lodges (each)	40
Installation Floor Work for Rebekah Lodges	40
Veteran Jewels (25 years' continuous membership)	4 00
Rebekah Veteran Jewels (15 years' continuous membership)	4 00
Honorable Veteran Jewel (50 years' continuous membership)	50 00

☞Rituals, Degree Charts, Bound Journals of Sov. G. L. and G. L. of Illinois, Sov. G. L. Digest, Illinois Code and Veteran Jewels are sent by express at the expense of the purchaser; on other supplies prices named include postage. Packages can be sent by express to any office of the Adams, the American, the United States, or the Pacific Express Companies, for 25 cents, or for 15 cents if *prepaid* and weighing not more than two pounds.

☞Secretaries of Lodges will please observe that the law requires that all orders for such supplies as are sold only to Lodges, *be signed by the Secretary and attested by the seal of the Lodge;* also that *all orders must be accompanied by payment for the articles ordered.*

☞If your Lodge has a postoffice box, give the number of it in communicating with the Grand Secretary; or, where mail is delivered by carriers, give address by street and number.

Fraternally, JAMES R. MILLER,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL. Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master.

I. O. O. F.

PROCEEDINGS

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AT ITS

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

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OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1898.

REPRESENTATIVES' HALL, STATE HOUSE,
November 15, 1898, 7:30 P. M.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS was called to order by Grand Master Cicero J. Lindly, with all the Grand Officers present. as follows:

CICERO J. LINDLY.....Grand Master
MELVIN P. BERRY.....Deputy Grand Master
LEROY L. MCKINLEY.....Grand Warden
JAMES R. MILLER.....Grand Secretary
THOMAS B. NEEDLES.....Grand Treasurer
J. OTIS HUMPHREY.....Grand Representative
EDWIN S. CONWAY.....Grand Representative
REV. J. A. LUCAS.....Grand Chaplain
E. H. KINNEY.....Grand Marshal
JOHN R. DAVIS.....Grand Conductor
C. E. WOLFE.....Grand Guardian
W. H. BEAN.....Grand Herald

The Grand Secretary announced a quorum of Representatives in attendance.

The Grand Master appointed assistants to the Grand Marshal as follows:

Bros. A. L. Bone, No. 3; John H. Meyers, No. 664; J. E. Davies, No. 450; A. C. Baldwin, No. 243; Grant Womer, No. 825; H, T. Pemberton, No. 24; J. E. Taylor, No. 118; C. C. Cross, No. 316; James Kinney, No. 96.

The Grand Marshal, with his assistants, having examined the members present, reported all correct.

The Grand Master appointed as

Assistant Grand Guardians—Bro. Frank Schueller, of No. 6, for the side door, and Bro. P. B. Keeler, of No. 128, for the gallery.

The Opening Ode was sung, and the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Master, by order of the Grand Master, then proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Bro. Ellacott, of No. 416, the reading of the minutes of last session was dispensed with, and the Journal as printed was adopted.

The printed Reports of the Grand Officers were presented, and, without reading, were referred to a special committee of three members for analysis and distribution.

The Grand Master announced the committee, as follows:

Committee on Analysis and Distribution—Bros. James E. Taylor, of No. 118; J. C. Perdue, of No. 64; H. A. Brinkman, of No. 71.

The Grand Master then read certain portions of his report, making such remarks thereon as he deemed appropriate.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

BROTHERS: On retiring from the office of Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Illinois, it gives me pleasure to furnish you with a statement of my stewardship. I desire to return my warmest thanks to the brothers and sisters of this jurisdiction for their work and assistance rendered, and the confidence expressed during my administration as Grand Master. I congratulate the jurisdiction upon the year's work accomplished, believing, as I do, that we have taken an advanced step in building up and permanently improving the great Order of Charity and Benevolence.

I find that sixty years ago in August the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois was organized, by a few brothers, in a small room at Alton. The minutes show that they adjourned, after installing the officers, to meet at "candle-light." Tonight, in this spacious hall, which is a credit to the commonwealth of Illinois, beneath the electric lights, it becomes my duty and high privilege to call to order the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in the presence of a membership of delegates and Past Grands of more than twelve hundred. This rapid growth has been the result of the energy of the individual members of the Subordinate Lodges, and the knowledge that the public have attained of the tenets of our Order, by the practical charity daily exercised by the Lodges in this jurisdiction. The contrast between the number assembled tonight and the number that constituted the Grand Lodge sixty years ago, as well as the difference in the place of meeting, is indicative of the growth of Odd Fellowship in our state.

To a body of brothers whose long connection with the Order has fully acquainted them with the benefits to be derived, the beautiful lessons taught, and the beneficial results of membership, it is unnecessary, and it would be useless for me, here, to endeavor to portray them, or say anything in laudation that would be entertaining or beneficial. Odd Fellowship, in its practical way, speaks for itself.

State of the Order.

I have endeavored, during the year, to visit as many Lodges as it was possible for me to visit, and I have found, wherever I have been.

a renewed interest in Odd Fellowship. I believe we are all to be congratulated upon the state of the Order, as found at the close of this year. It is true, not many new Subordinate Lodges have been instituted, for the reason that the territory for new Lodges in the State is very limited, owing to the fact that Lodges have been organized in almost every city or village of importance in the State of Illinois. Our growth in the future must, of necessity, be in the Lodges that have already been chartered. The brotherhood, for several years, has been turning its attention from the establishing of Lodges in the State to the carrying out of the great principles of our Order, by establishing Homes for the Orphans and the aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah. The result of the work accomplished along this line will be made apparent by the reports of the trustees of these institutions.

No means is at the disposal of the Grand Master for the purpose of building up the Order. It was for this reason, and with a hope of enthusing the membership, that the Grand Master established the Roll of Honor, to be printed in the Grand Lodge report.

Harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and a united effort has been made all along the line to advance the best interests of our Fraternity.

Proclamations.

The usual proclamations have been issued by the Grand Master for the observance of the anniversary of the birth of Odd Fellowship, and for the observance of Memorial Day. These proclamations were duly heeded by the members of the Subordinate Lodges, and their observance was more uniform in the State this year than ever before in the history of Odd Fellowship, which is clearly an indication of an increased appreciation of the benefits derived from membership in our Order, and teaches us that, as civilization advances and the higher principles of our Order are more thoroughly inculcated, we learn to more fully appreciate the good accomplished, and the memory of those who have departed to join the Grand Lodge on high.

Special Sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Our Grand Officers, during the past year, have held several sessions of the Grand Lodge, scattered over the entire jurisdiction, for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge Degree upon worthy Past Grands. These meetings of the Grand Lodge have been well attended, and the Degree has been conferred upon hundreds of Past Grands in this State. I heartily recommend the holding of special sessions of the Grand Lodge wherever and whenever it is practicable to do so, in different localities of the State, for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge Degree. The reasons for this are so apparent that the subject needs no discussion at my hands in this report.

Appeals for Aid.

During my term of office I have received many communications asking me to permit an appeal for aid to be made to the Subordinate Lodges of the State. I have granted but few of these, for the reason that the brotherhood has been taxed so heavily in the construction of the Old Folks' Home, and for the further reason that in many of these requests for aid I find that they are made for the purpose of re-establishing a brother who has been in business and lost his property through fire, which property was not covered by insurance. Odd Fellowship is practical in its workings, and should teach men to be practical in business life. With a membership of almost sixty thousand, it would be impossible for the Order to reimburse all such losses in the jurisdiction. Dispensations have only been granted (with one exception) where the money was for the purpose of obtaining the necessities of life. I believe that the law, when properly construed, means that appeals for aid should be made through the Grand Secretary's office, and money furnished for these charitable purposes should come through the office of the Grand Secretary, and by him be reported to the Grand Lodge, so that every brother in the jurisdiction might know fully what was done with the money granted by his Lodge for charitable purposes. In a communication to the Lodges I so indicated my construction of the law, and requested that it be done, and the Grand Secretary will fully report whatever has been raised along these lines. While, my dear brothers, we fully sympathize with a brother who is unfortunate in the loss of his property, still, in our Lodge-rooms, we should see that the attention of every brother is called to the absolute necessity, in this day and age, of carrying his property fully insured, so that, if calamity befalls him, he will be reimbursed without appealing to the charity of the membership of the Order.

New Lodges.

The following is a list of the new Subordinate Lodges instituted in this jurisdiction during the past year. As I have indicated, the work of Odd Fellowship will not be so much along the line of chartering new Lodges as it will be in the future in strengthening old ones.

SUBORDINATE LODGES INSTITUTED.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.	Instituted.	Deputy.
110.	Suburban	LaGrange	Cook.....	Dec. 18, 1897..	Willis Melville .....
272.	Spartan	Compton.....	Lee.	Dec. 30, 1897..	D R. McLaughlin...
882.	Hamburg.....	Hamburg.....	Calhoun.....	Feb. 19, 1898..	John Watson .....
883.	Detroit	Detroit	Pike	May 3?, 1898..	John Bauer .....
884.	Willow Hill	Willow Hill...	Jasper.....	June 25, 1898..	B. W. Chapman.....
885.	Sampson.....	Dawson.....	Sangamon....	Aug. 6, 1898..	Chas. R. Coon .....
886.	Hidalgo	Hidalgo.	Jasper.....	Aug. 6, 1898..	A D Leaman.....

Rebekah Lodges.

The Rebekah branch of the Order has been very active this year. They have far surpassed the Subordinate Lodges in energy and growth in membership, and, wherever I have visited the Rebekah Lodges in the State, I find that they are more perfect in their work, and that, as a general rule, they have better Degree Staffs than are to be found in the Subordinate Lodges. The beauties of the Rebekah Degree are becoming more thoroughly appreciated, and the benefits better understood. This branch of the Order needs no eulogy at my hand, nor will I occupy your time in throwing bouquets in the form of words at it. I desire here to impress upon the Rebekah branch of the Order the necessity of electing to office practical, energetic officers, who will take an interest in the work, and assist the Grand Master in the performance of his duties. The work of the Rebekah Degree ought to be turned over, as much as possible, to the President of the Rebekah Assembly, thus relieving the Grand Master of much of the work. The following is a list of Rebekah Lodges instituted:

REBEKAH LODGES INSTITUTED.

No.	Name.	Location	County.	Instituted.	Deputy.
62.	Patience.	Chicago	Cook	Dec. 17, 1897	Fannie S. Langdon
90.	Cook County	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 14, 1898	N. L Harris
509	Pride of Egypt	Chester.	Randolph	Dec 2, 1897	R. W. S. Wheatley
510.	Milford	Milford.	Iroquois	Dec. 7, 1897	Rena Jones.
511.	Pansy	Basco	Hancock	Dec. 11, 1897	Jennie Lyons
512.	Kewanee.	Kewanee	Henry	Jan. 4, 1898	Tom Wood.
513	Hennepin	Hennepin.	Putnam	Feb 4, 1898	Bell Wood
514.	Cave	Cave in Rock	Hardin.	Feb. 22, 1898	Olive J. Blackman
515.	Tina	Marietta	Fulton	Mar. 15, 1898	Geo. Kuhlke.
516.	Wild Rose	Anchor	McLean	Mar. 8, 1898	Maud Mantle
517	Cambridge	Cambridge.	Henry	Mar. 3, 1898	Tola White.
518	Madie	Girard	Macoupin	Mar. 8, 1898	Madie Birzele
519.	Long View.	Long View	Champaign	Mar 18, 1898	Birdie Cole
520.	Inez	Fairfield	Wayne.	Mar. 10, 1898	Dora Kline
521.	Willing Workers.	St Jacob	Madison	Mar. 28, 1898	May D. Stone.
522.	Mendon	Mendon.	Adams	Apr. 16, 1898	Mrs. J. W. Fletcher
523	Clover Leaf	Hunt City	Jasper	Mar 18, 1898	U. G. Coons.
524.	Calla	Golden	Adams	Mar. 31, 1898	Thomas Omer
525.	Carman	Carman	Henderson	Apr. 22, 1898	M. P. Berry
526.	Willard	Elizabetht'wn	Hardin	Apr. 20, 1898	O. J. Blackman
527.	Cannon.	Columbus	Adams	May 12, 1898	Lucy E. Messick
528.	Jessie	Virden	Macoupin	May 4, 1898	Jas. R. Miller
529.	Woodbine	Sandwich.	DeKalb	Aug. 4, 1898	L. Maud Haywood
530.	Pride.	Loraine	Adams.	Aug. 16, 1898	Lucy E. Messick
531.	Manilla	Auburn.	Sangamon	Aug. 22, 1898	Eva R. Withey.
532.	Berry	Berry.	Sangamon.	Aug 27, 1898	Eva R. Withey
533.	Ashmore	Ashmore.	Coles.	Oct. 31, 1898	Geo M. Kincaid

Consolidation of Lodges.

It has been the object of the Grand Master, during the past year, to secure the consolidation of as many Lodges as was possible, where there were two small Lodges situated at one place, or in contiguous territory. I am glad to report to the brotherhood that this has been

M. D. Berry.

Grand Master.

accomplished in several cases, and that many will be consolidated during the coming year. This speaks well for the growth of business principles and harmony in our Order, and I recommend a continuation of a policy that will secure the consolidation of such Lodges in the near future.

SUBORDINATE LODGES CONSOLIDATED.

Upon a proper petition, I granted a dispensation for the consolidation of Union Lodge, No. 9, of Chicago, and Freedom Lodge, No. 367, of Chicago, which consolidation was made by Special Deputy Past Grand Master J. L. Barnum, of Chicago, on February 17, 1898. Consolidated under the name and number of Union Lodge, No. 9.

Dispensation was issued April 28 for the consolidation of Toledo Lodge, No. 355, of Toledo, Ill., and Janesville Lodge, No. 754, of Janesville, Ill. Brother Col. Young, of Toledo, was commissioned Special Deputy to effect the consolidation. Consolidated May 2, 1898, the name of Toledo Lodge, No. 355, being taken

Dispensation was issued April 28 for the consolidation of Crystal Fount Lodge, No. 178, of Dover, Ill., and Tonnaluka Lodge, No. 89, of Princeton, Ill. Brother S. W. Heaton effected the consolidation. The name and number of Tonnaluka Lodge, No. 89, was taken. Consolidation effected May 4, 1898.

On June 7 dispensation was granted, and Past Grand Master J. L. Barnum, of Chicago, was appointed Special Deputy to effect the consolidation of Union Lodge, No. 9, of Chicago, and Rochambeau Lodge, No. 532, of Chicago, which consolidation was completed by the Special Deputy on June 16, 1898, under the name and number of Union Lodge, No. 9.

Upon proper petition being made by Congress Lodge, No. 362, of Chicago, and Imperial Lodge, No. 335, of Chicago, I granted a dispensation for the consolidation of these Lodges under the name and number of Congress Lodge, No. 362. The consolidation was effected by Past Grand Master J. L. Barnum, of Chicago, on June 27, 1898.

On January 13 I granted a dispensation to Adams Lodge, No. 365, of Quincy, to change the work of the Lodge from the German into the English language.

And we further report the following Rebekah Lodges consolidated:

REBEKAH LODGES CONSOLIDATED.

On August 10 I issued dispensation and commissioned Mrs. Myrtle Norfolk, of Toledo, to effect the consolidation of Zerah Rebekah Lodge, No. 86, of Jewett, with Evergreen Lodge, No. 30, of Toledo, both in Cumberland county. Consolidation effected August 13, 1898.

Lodges Closed.

Few Lodges have been closed during my term of office, and the members of these Lodges have immediately sought membership in other Lodges. These results are evidence of the fact that new Lodges should not be chartered without a sufficient number to guaranty the maintenance of the same.

SUBORDINATE LODGES CLOSED.

Etna Lodge, No. 519, located at Etna, Ill., was closed by Special Deputy Brother J. T. Matthews, of Mattoon, Ill. The furniture and other property belonging to the Lodge was sold, and the receipts and cash on hand, in all $43.70, was remitted to the Grand Secretary, together with the books, seal, etc., on December 13, 1897.

Baldwin Lodge, No. 797, of Baldwin, was closed by Special Deputy Brother James Eccles, of Red Bud, Ill. Commission was issued on July 6, and the Lodge effects, together with draft for $76.46, were received by the Grand Secretary on July 11, 1898.

REBEKAH LODGES CLOSED.

June Rebekah Lodge, No. 284, located at Marseilles, Ill., was closed on April 15, by Special Deputy Brother J. Adams Wilson, of Ottawa, Ill., and the rituals, seal, books, etc. shipped to the Grand Secretary.

Electric Rebekah Lodge, No. 334, located at Normal, Ill., was closed by Special Deputy Brother Watson Stewart, of Normal, Ill., and the effects, consisting of rituals, seal, books, etc., were shipped to the Grand Secretary on November 19, 1898.

Removals.

Dispensation was granted for the removal of the following Lodges:

Asbury Lodge, No. 248, removed from Long Prairie to Six Mile, Wayne County.

Rockefeller Lodge, No. 815, removed from Rockefeller, Lake County, to Gray's Lake.

Somonauk Lodge, No. 181, removed from Somonauk, DeKalb County, to Sandwich, Ill.

Loogootee Lodge, No. 216, removed from Old Loogootee to New Loogootee, on railroad, Fayette County.

Losses by Fire.

Illini Lodge, No. 4, Urania Lodge, No. 243, and Jacksonville Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, all located in Jacksonville, Ill., were burned out on August 4, 1898. The loss was practically total, with the exception of the Lodge Records, but was covered by insurance. Duplicate charters were issued on August 6, and the Lodges have met regularly since the fire.

Chromo Lodge, No. 512, and Tower Hill Rebekah Lodge, No. 356, located at Tower Hill, Ill., were burned out on February 4. The loss was practically total and no insurance, as the policy had expired a short time previous. Duplicate charters were issued, and they have continued to hold meetings.

Ambrosia Lodge, No. 778, located at Atlas, Ill., was burned out May 31. A duplicate charter was issued.

Change of Venue.

The Grand Master has been called upon this year to grant change of venue in many cases. This, under the law, is a matter that is entirely discretionary with the Grand Master. I have always felt and maintained that where a sufficient amount of evidence could be given, showing that justice would not be done to the party applying for change of venue, a change of venue should be granted, and has been in every instance, and only returned to the original Lodge for trial in one case.

Weak Lodges.

We find, after investigating the condition of the Lodges of the State, that there are some that are in distressed condition, owing to the limited membership. There is but one way that I can see that these Lodges can be strengthened and built up: and I would recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate a fixed sum, to be at the disposal of the Grand Master, to send a good and energetic Odd Fellow to these weak Lodges to revive and build them up. I do not believe that any money in the Order could be expended for a better purpose, and bring better returns than money spent in this way.

Dispensations.

The usual number of dispensations for the holding of picnics, festivals, suppers, balls, musical entertainments, to take part in public installations, processions, to hold anniversaries, dedications, etc., have been granted. There seems to be a spirit in the Lodges, which is highly commendable, to increase the social features of Odd Fellowship, and I heartily indorse and recommend the cultivation of the same in every Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Official Instructors.

I have intrusted entirely in the hands of Grand Representative W. E. Carlin, the work of Official Instructors, appointing him Superintendent of Instructors, and I am receiving, at this time, the reports of many of them. I desire, through this medium, to return my thanks to the many Examiners and Instructors, who have done efficient work for the Order, and to compliment the jurisdiction upon the rapid progress it is making in proficiency in the unwritten work. I herewith submit the report of Grand Representative W. E. Carlin:

Hon. Cicero J. Lindly, Grand Master I.O.O.F., Greenville, Ill.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to report to you that the Official Examiners and Instructors generally that have been commissioned by you during the year for Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, have done fair work, so far as I have received reports from them. The work now is largely that of instructing classes in a Lodge, or individual members, as almost every Lodge has one or more members who are proficient in the unwritten work. For this reason not many Lodges call upon the Instructors, as they have in former years. Some very good work, however, has been done in Chicago and Cook County by the Official Examiners there, in holding general schools in Rebekah Lodges. From observation during several years, in which it has been my privilege to visit Lodges in other jurisdictions and witness their work in initiations and conferring degrees, I feel safe in saying that Illinois has a very much greater proportion of members in all branches of the Order who have perfect knowledge of the unwritten work than has any other Grand Jurisdiction. I think all interested in the work may justly feel pride in this fact: and that it encourages us to maintain the high standard of proficiency, in this regard, that has been secured.

A fair proportion of the Official Instructors have reported, but at this time I deem it unnecessary to enter into details as to grades and numbers of the various members they have examined. Thanking you for the confidence reposed in me, for the uniform courtesy extended, for the prompt attention to all my requests during the year, and congratulating you on the general good results to the Order during your administration, I am.

Truly and fraternally,

W. E. CARLIN, Gr. Rep.,

Chief of Instructors.

Roll of Honor.

At the beginning of the year I issued a letter to the Lodges creating a Roll of Honor, which will be printed in the Grand Lodge report. The following is the letter addressed to the Lodges:

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Lodges, I.O.O.F., of Illinois:

Believing that all those who labor in the vineyard of Odd Fellowship should have proper recognition and credit for the same, the Grand Officers of the Jurisdiction of Illinois have mutually agreed to establish a "Grand Lodge Roll of Honor," to be printed in the Grand Lodge report. The "Roll of Honor" shall be made up of all brothers who have secured an application that has been accepted and the applicant initiated into the Order. The one having secured the largest number of applications shall head the list, the next largest the second place, etc. The roll will contain the name of every brother who has secured an application, and, the applicant having been initiated, the Secretary

of the Lodge to which he belongs will forward certificate, stating the fact that he has secured a member or members, under seal of the Lodge, to the Grand Master's office at Greenville, Ill., where a record will be kept and due credit given to each and every one.

The experience of the Grand Master has been that the work of building up the Lodge is generally done by those who seldom receive credit for the same, and the Grand Master believes that they should receive credit for their work, and he knows of no better way than to give them an honorable position in the record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction. I believe that it is possible for each Odd Fellow in this jurisdiction to secure, during the coming year, one member, and I hope that each and every one will strive to do so, and to have his name upon this roll.

Fraternally,

CICERO J. LINDLY,
Grand Master.

I would recommend that the Grand Master continue this Roll of Honor, keeping the records in the books that I have provided for the purpose, and printing them annually in the report of the Grand Lodge. As I have notified the Lodges that the Roll of Honor would close by November 10, it is impossible to present the same with this report, but it will be presented at the Grand Lodge, and printed in the Grand Lodge Journal.

Delinquent Members.

I have sent communications to the Lodges touching upon the question of the dropping of members for non-payment of dues, asking the Lodges, before a member is dropped, to appoint a committee of his best friends in the Lodge to talk with him on this subject, and see if it is not possible to have him remain in, and pay his dues. The communication is as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges:

During the last year the reports from the Subordinate Lodges show, to my great surprise, that a large number of brothers have been dropped for non-payment of dues. While it is necessary for the Secretary to notify a brother that he is in arrears before he can be suspended, this notice is of such a character that it does not distinctly call the attention of the brother to the necessity of immediate action, and is often lightly received. I desire to impress upon the mind of the Brotherhood the necessity of retaining all worthy members, and ask them at a certain time before a brother is dropped for non-payment of dues, that the Noble Grand appoint a committee, consisting of his best friends in the Lodge, to visit the brother, and urge him to place himself right upon the books. This has been tried in several Lodges in the State with very beneficial results, and to my knowledge, wherever this has been the rule, few brothers have been

dropped. I hope that the brothers will act upon this suggestion without further notice. I desire, also, through this medium, to announce to the Brotherhood in Illinois that the vote on biennial sessions in the Subordinate Lodges was good, and that biennial sessions have carried by an overwhelming majority. I think the jurisdiction is to be congratulated upon the wisdom of the Brothers in this matter.

Fraternally yours,

CICERO J. LINDLY,
Grand Master.

Since this communication was sent out, I have received many letters that their Lodges have adopted this plan. I would recommend that the Grand Lodge would adopt this rule in regard to dropping members for non-payment of dues.

Finance.

The increased per capita tax of the last year, and the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, has led us to carefully consider this question. Early in my administration, after carefully investigating the finances of the Grand Lodge, I reached the conclusion that the most practical way of reducing the per capita tax was by holding biennial sessions, and during the year when visiting Lodges, I talked this question over with many of the leading and influential Odd Fellows of the State, and finally decided to submit this question to a vote of the Subordinate Lodges. I sent out a communication to the various lodges of the State asking them to vote on biennial sessions at the last meeting in September. The vote as taken at this time in the Subordinate Lodges in the State is overwhelmingly in favor of biennial sessions, and a large majority of Representatives to the Grand Lodge have been instructed to vote for biennial sessions. The reports of Lodges received at the time of the writing of this report, which is the first of November, is 709. Out of this number 388 Lodges vote unanimously for the adoption of biennial sessions, and 61 vote unanimously against. One hundred and fifty-one Lodges gave a majority for biennial sessions, and 79 a majority against. The vote shows a majority of more than four to one of the votes cast in favor of biennial sessions. Seeing that the Brotherhood was in favor of this means of retrenchment, I have asked the Legislative Committee of the Grand Lodge to meet Monday morning, November 14th, at Springfield, with carefully prepared amendments to the Constitution and By-laws relative to this question, taking all of those that have been proposed by various members and organizations as a basis.

I desire here to thank the organization in Cook county for the efficient services they rendered in putting this question of biennial sessions before the Odd Fellows of Illinois. I believe that it will be a success. I know that it will be a saving to the Lodges of one-half the cost of mileage and per diem, and the printing of the Journals,

which will go far towards the support of the Old Folks' and Orphans' Homes. I ask of you in the consideration of this question, when it is brought before the Grand Lodge, to give it your earnest consideration, exercising your best judgment, and above all, to carry out to the letter the wishes of the majority of the Subordinate Lodges of the State, by passing laws amending our Constitution and By-laws so that we will have biennial sessions in the future. I believe that the Grand Lodge should instruct its Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to use their influence and vote for biennial sessions of that body.

Mileage and Per Diem.

There has been a great deal of discussion among the Odd Fellows of this jurisdiction as to what is the proper mileage to be paid to the Representatives. If it is the desire of the members of the Grand Lodge that actual expenses alone should be paid for traveling, then I submit for your candid consideration the following plan:

When the Grand Secretary shall send to the Lodges the papers for their last semi-annual report, the Grand Secretary shall inclose an order upon the railroad for a round trip ticket from the place where the Lodge is situated to Springfield. The Representative of the Lodge shall take this order, signed by the Secretary and Grand Master, to the station agent, who will issue a ticket, taking up the order, and returning it to a central point in Chicago, where all will be sent.

The Railroad Committee, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer and the Chairman of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee, shall meet with the railroad representatives, and cancel the orders, and the Grand Secretary shall, upon their approval, issue an order upon the Grand Treasurer for the full amount of all railroad transportation to the Grand Lodge. Per diem only shall be paid the Representatives while the Lodge is in session.

This plan has been submitted by several leading Odd Fellows, and I submit it to you for your candid consideration, adoption or rejection. This, if adopted, will be a great saving to the Order.

Old Folks' Home.

I herewith submit to the Grand Lodge the report of the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home. I congratulate the jurisdiction upon the completion of this work. It is with pride that I point to the fact that during my administration the corner-stone of this structure has been laid, and that it has also been dedicated during my term of office. I bespeak of you, my Brothers and Sisters, your heartiest and warmest support of this Institution. Much has been said and written in regard to the Old Folks' Home. Many beautiful pictures have been drawn, but nothing has been said that indicates so strongly the indorsement of this jurisdiction as when your Grand Master made an appeal to the

Lodges for a donation of a sufficient amount of money to complete the contract for the building. With a magnanimity unparalleled in Fraternal institutions, the money was raised and the Home completed. No picture has been as beautiful so the building itself since completed.

It was found that it was necessary to have $20,000 to build the building and complete the first story. When this was done the Board found that they could complete the second story for about one-half the amount that it would cost at any other time to do the work, so they let the contract to complete the second story, which left them at that time, with the contract so made, about $1,000 in debt. If only the first story was completed, there would be but room for about thirty-two inmates, but, by completing the second story, they can provide for at least one hundred and two. I believe that the Board acted wisely in completing the second story of this building, and hope that the jurisdiction will indorse their course.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE OLD FOLKS' HOME.

This is, indeed, an important question that presents itself for our consideration. That is, the mode of conducting the Old Folks' Home; and it is now for you to determine what laws shall govern the admission of the brothers to the Home, and in what manner the Home shall be maintained. Two plans have been presented that I think are worthy of consideration. One is for the Lodge to which the member seeking admission belongs to pay a certain amount per week for the maintenance of the member while at the Home, thus supporting the Home largely by the amount paid by the Subordinate Lodges for the care of members sent from their respective Lodges. The other plan is for the Grand Lodge to appropriate a certain amount of money to maintain the Home, and raise the same by per capita tax. I do not believe that the Home will, for several years to come, need more than ten cents per capita to maintain it. I believe that the laws governing this Home should be made so as to permit members to donate a sufficient amount of money or property to the Home for the purpose of their own maintenance at that place. I have recommended to the Board of Trustees that the committee empowered to draft the By-laws to govern the Old Folks' Home should present to the Grand Lodge two sets of By-laws, based upon these two plans of maintaining the Home. These are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, and the plan which, in their judgment, is deemed best, I hope it will adopt. This demands at your hands, my dear Brothers, careful consideration, as the future of the Home may depend upon the legislation adopted by this session of the Grand Lodge.

I have received since the dedication of the Old Folks' Home on the 25th of October, the resignation of Past Grand Master Henry A. Stone, as a member of the Board of Trustees, his resignation to take effect November 15th, which has been duly accepted.

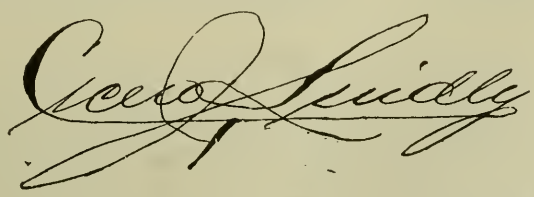
Orphans' Home.

I herewith submit the report of the Trustees of the Orphans' Home for your consideration. During my term of office I have made several visits to the Orphans' Home to examine the manner of doing business by the Board, the expenditures and receipts of the institution, etc. I congratulate the jurisdiction upon the efficient manner in which this institution is conducted. The Grand Lodge at its last session made a sufficient appropriation for the construction of a chapel and school building, which I am proud to report have been completed and are ready for dedication. We are all firm believers in a Divine Being and true religion, and in education, and every Odd Fellow is anxious that these children of deceased Brothers, committed to our keeping, should receive a fair education. This we are endeavoring to do at the Home, aided by the devoted and efficient labors of the Superintendent, Sister L. L. Morrison.

I found the orchard, garden, etc., in splendid condition, producing berries, vegetables and fruits in a sufficient quantity to supply the Home. I believe that it will be necessary during the coming year to build, in addition to the main building, a laundry and bakery. I recommend to the Grand Lodge that such appropriations be made as are necessary for the economical administration of this Home.

I cannot close this report without referring to my Assistant Grand Officers and the interest they have taken in the success of the work of the year, and I congratulate the Order upon the efficient work of the several committees. I am under many obligations to Brother James R. Miller, the present Grand Secretary, for the many courtesies extended, and I congratulate the jurisdiction upon the efficient manner in which he conducts his office.

This, to me, has been a very pleasant year, and one that I will remember in after life, and point to with a great deal of pride. Many are the pleasant associations and friendships formed. I return my sincere thanks to the Brothers and Sisters for their support, and bid you all God-speed in your future journey.



Grand Master.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home,

LINCOLN, ILLINOIS.

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The Directors of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, in obedience to the requirements of the Grand Lodge, present this, their Sixth Annual Report, for the year ending October 1, 1898.

Work Accomplished.

Another year has rolled around, and we are called upon to again render a report of our stewardship over the Home that stands so close to the great warm heart of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction. In presenting this, our annual report, it is hoped that the somewhat uninteresting, though necessary, similarity of these reports will be overlooked, when the great work accomplished, and still to be accomplished, is considered; and as we record the successes of the year that has just passed and give expression to our hopes for the prosperity of our Home during the year to come, may the backward glance, that

reveals naught but pleasant recollections, be a forerunner of what the unseen future has in store for this greatest of charities, the care of orphan children.

The following is a list of the children who have been received at the Home since it was opened—January 26, 1893:

Date.	Name.	Where From.	Age at Time Admission.	By What Lodge Certified.
1893.				
Jan. 26	Gertrude Maring	York	11	York Star 419
" 26.	Christopher Maring	"	9	"
" 26.	Etta Maring	"	6	"
" 30.	Leila Haines	Kenney	11	Kenney 557
" 30.	Beulah Haines	"	6	"
" 30.	Walter Haines	"	4	"
Feb. 1.	James Smith	West End	11	Galatia 433
" 1.	Laura Smith	"	8	"
" 3.	Roy Hoswell	Washburn	10	Washburn 546
" 3.	Geo. Hoswell	"	8	"
" 7.	Willie Eckle	Peoria	9	Western 295
" 7.	Henry Eckle	"	10	"
" 7.	Minnie Eckle	"	6	"
" 15.	Lucille Meredith	Clayton	10	Jeptha 100
" 16.	Louise Forsythe	Chicago	6	Peabody 613
" 16.	Mary Jane Forsythe	"	5	"
" 16.	George Forsythe	"	9	"
" 16.	Douglas Forsythe	"	4	"
" 18.	Frank Downs	Moline	12	Manufacturers 485.
" 18.	Harry Downs	"	10	"
" 18.	Mabel Downs	"	6	"
" 18	George Downs	"	4	"
" 24.	Lawrence Teeple	Chicago	11	Brighton Park 639
" 24.	Oren Teeple	"	7	"
Mar. 2.	Walter Wardell	Birds	12	Prairie 20
" 15.	Wm. Riley	Lincoln	12	Lincoln 204
" 15.	Cecil Riley	"	8	"
" 15.	Marie Riley	"	6	"
" 15.	Edith Riley	"	2½	"
" 20.	Margaret Gilliland	Shelbyville	11	Okaw 117
" 20.	Dora Gilliland.	"	8	"
" 25.	Charles Schroeder	Chicago	8	Douglas 432
" 25.	Frank Schroeder	"	8	"
" 25.	Lillie Schroeder	"	5	"
April 10.	Leonard Neal	Mt. Vernon	6	
" 10.	Manney Shustorman	Chicago	10	Kossuth 569
" 10.	Otto Shustorman	"	8	"
" 10.	Frank Shustorman	"	6	"
" 21.	Howard E Treadway.	Grayville	7	Opal 99
" 21.	John Treadway	"	5	"
" 25.	Elsie Hoover	Danville	9	Palermo 646
" 25.	Jessie Hoover	"	7	"

Date.	Name.	Where From.	Age at Time Admission.	By What Lodge Certified.
April 27.	Aubrey Anderson.....	Chicago.....	12	First Swedish 479.
" 27.	Alvira Anderson.....	"	10	"
" 27.	Mabel Anderson.....	"	6	"
" 27.	Teresa Anderson.....	"	7	"
" 29.	Evart Hoover.....	Danville.....	11	Palermo 646.....
June 26.	Mollie Johnson.....	Chicago.....	11	First Sweedish 479
" 26.	Julius Johnson.....	"	7	"
" 28.	Maggie Baker.....	Elco.....	6	Elco 643.....
" 28.	Sally Baker.....	"	4	" .....
Aug. 14.	Oscar Sheets.....	Carbondale..	8	Carbondale 233....
" 14.	Leslie Sheets.....	" .	6	" ....
" 27.	George Lindorman....	Alton.....	5	Germania 2.....
" 27.	Frank Lindorman.....	"	2½	" .....
Sept. 10.	Arthur Fellstrom.....	Chicago.....	12	Nonpareil 331.....
" 10.	Jennie Fellstrom.....	"	10	" .....
" 10.	Essie Fellstrom.....	"	3½	" .....
" 10.	Esther Fellstrom.....	"	3½	"
" 18.	Ruby Watkins.....	Harvey.....	9	Humboldt Park 658
" 18.	Arthur Watkins.....	"	7	"
Oct. 12.	Wm. J DeWald.....	Greenville...	11	Clark 3.....
Dec. 2.	Belle Otis.....	Chicago.....	11	Hyde Park 722.....
" 2.	Frances Otis.....	"	9	" ....
" 2.	Cleve Otis.....	"	7	" ....
" 2.	Fay Otis.....	"	4	" ....
1894.				
Feb. 12.	Maude Jensen.....	"	11	S. Englewood 448..
" 12.	May Jensen.....	"	9	" ..
" 12.	Grace Jensen.....	"	7	" ..
" 12.	Frank Beard.....	Bloomington.	11	Bloomington 400...
" 13.	Abbie Horn.....	Windsor.....	12	Fidelity 576.....
" 13.	Bessie Horn.....	"	10	" .....
" 25.	Bertha Beck.....	Chicago.....	12	Douglas 432.....
Mar. 2.	Thos. Cummings.....	Falmouth....	9	Falmouth 651.....
" 2.	Katie Cummings.....	"	7	" .....
May 7.	Anna Culley.....	Mc Leansboro	11	Hamilton 191.....
" 7.	Edwin Culley.....	"	7	" .....
" 20.	Flossie Sheets.....	Champaign..	5	Carbondale 233....
" 25.	Leroy Shoaff.....	Friendsville..	11	South Star 732....
" 25.	Mary Shoaff.....	" .	8	" ....
June 20.	Gertrude Bentley.....	Chrisman....	10	Prairie City 205...
1895.				
Jan. 22.	Della Blake.....	Creal Springs	12	Creal Springs 504..
" 22.	Cora Blake.....	"	10	" ..
Feb. 12.	Thos. Clarida.....	Williams'nCo	12	Corinth 502.....
Mar. 15.	Edna Howard.....	Anchor.....	10	Herald 777.....
April 15.	Myrtle Bradley.....	Creal Springs	12	Carterville 703.....
" 15.	Ethel Bradley.....	"	7	" .....
Aug. 12.	John Jackson.....	Mt. Vernon..	10	Marion 13.....
" 12.	Ida Jackson.....	" ..	6	" .....
" 12.	James Jackson.....	" ..	4	" .....
" 15.	Asa Woody.....	Pana.....	10	Adair 334.....
" 15.	Lester Woody.....	"	8	" .....
Sept. 3.	Harry Colvin.....	Champaign..	5	Champaign 333....

Date.	Name.	Where From.	Age at Time Admission.	By What Lodge Certified.
Sept. 3.	Grace Colvin	Champaign	2	Champaign 333
" 10.	Ada Brussell	Seymour	9	Seymour 597
" 10.	Ralph Brussell	"	8	"
" 24.	Frank Hayes	Chicago	7	Progress 524
Oct. 3.	Annie Lundak	Collinsville	9	Madison 43
" 3.	Gertie Lundak	"	8	"
" 3.	Joseph Lundak	"	6	"
" 3.	Antony Lundak	"	4	"
" 20.	Ochle Selvage	Carthage	7	Bentley 412
" 23.	Frank Nounzie	Chicago	11	Rochambeau 532
Nov. 9.	Ivan Quick	Montgomery	7	Argus 514
" 9.	Russell Quick	"	4	"
" 9.	Zed Howse	Decatur	12	Shelby 274
" 9.	Maud Howse	"	9	"
Dec. 3.	Mamie Nelson	Alton	8	Oil City 724
" 3.	John Nelson	"	6	"
" 5.	Essie Roberts	York	11	York Star 419
" 5.	Iva Roberts	"	8	"
" 5.	Alonzo Roberts	"	6	"
" 14.	Ida Voight	Elgin	12	Paul 691
" 14	August Voight	"	8	"
" 18.	Lillie White	Homer	7	Homer 252
" 18.	Tarleton White	"	4	"
" 18.	Willie White	"	2	"
" 20.	Elmer Sandberg	Princeville	9	Diligence 129
1896.				
Jan. 16.	John W. Casey	Hamilton	11	Monticello 697
" 17.	Emil Shoaff	Friendsville	7	South Star 732
" 17.	John M. P. Dewald	Lincoln	4	Clark 3
Feb. 27.	Addie Murphy	Pana	12	Adar 334
April 26.	Clora Braden	Belknap	11	Belknap 251
" 26.	Orpha Braden	"	8	"
" 26.	Wm. C. Braden	"	6	"
July 24.	Bruno Engelkie	Chicago	7	Lily of the West 407
" 24.	Fred W. Engelkie	"	5	" "
Aug. 25.	Jas. F. Anthony Roose	E. St. Louis.	6	Golden Rule 374
" 25.	Walter Jefferson Roose	"	5	"
" 29.	Elmer Ellis Campbell.	Temple Hill.	12	Fairland 791
" 29.	Alma Alice Campbell.	"	12	"
" 29.	Bessie G. Campbell	"	7	"
Sept. 4.	Fred Howard	Anchor	14	Herald 777
" 21.	Susan Markhart	Chicago	12	Cheltenham 113
Oct. 22.	John Gilbert	Clyde	8	Royal 800
" 22.	Fred Gilbert	"	6	"
Nov. 14.	Homer Larrison	Batchtown	8	Calhoun 444
" 14.	Lindley Larrison	"	6	"
" 14.	Ray Larrison	"	5	"
" 16.	Peter Gosnell	De Soto	12	De Soto 264
" 16.	Henry Gosnell	"	9	"
" 16.	Thomas Gosnell	"	7	"
" 16.	Harry Gosnell	"	5	"
Dec. 16.	Lizzie Barlow	Sciota	11	Sciota 552
" 16.	Natie Barlow	"	8	"

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Dec. 16.	James Barlow	Sciota	6	Sciota 552
" 24.	Clinton Campbell	Temple Hill.	4	Fairland 791
1897.				
Jan. 10.	Bessie Good	Pulaski	11	Egypt 789
" 10.	Mary Good	Pulaski	7	"
" 26.	Floyd Bennett	Sandwich	8	Sandwich 212
" 26.	Sadie Bennett	"	7	"
" 26.	Hester Bennett	"	5	"
" 26.	Vernon Bennett	"	4	"
Feb. 27	Minnie Koch	Chicago	10	Wicker Park 281
" 27.	George Koch	"	8	"
Mar. 13.	Harry Tate	Vandalia	10	Friends 122
" 13.	Lizzie Tate	"	7	"
" 29.	Lewis D. Gorham	Belvidere	7	Big Thunder 28
April 22.	Ida Williams	Galesburg	12	Galesburg 142
May 14.	James Anderson	Tioga	9	North Star 620
" 14.	Fern Anderson	"	8	"
" 14.	Ida Anderson	"	6	"
" 14.	Nora Anderson	"	5	"
" 14.	Carter Anderson	"	3	"
June 9.	Evelyn Dehart	Rinard	4	Rinard 594
" 16.	Willie Pitcher	Sandwich	3	Deering 717
" 16.	Laura Dehart	Rinard	17mos	Rinard 594
July 29.	King David Dehart	"	7	"
" 29.	Kim Wesley Dehart	"	2	"
Aug. 17.	Bessie Kanak	Chicago	10	Palacky 630
" 17.	George Kanak	"	8	"
" 17.	Rose Kanak	"	6	"
" 20.	Eliz. Burrows	Streator	11	Edina 391
" 20.	Willie Burrows	"	10	"
" 20.	John Burrows	"	5	"
Sept. 9.	Dick Anderson	Tioga	11	North Star 620
" 9.	Willie Anderson	"	23mos	"
" 14.	Clara Walters	Fulton	11	Abou Ben Ad'm 148
" 21.	Elmer Simpson	Simpson	13	Delta 772
" 21.	Elnora Simpson	"	11	"
" 21.	Guy Simpson	"	7	"
Oct. 14	Clara Walters	Fulton	11	Abon Ben Ad'm 148
Dec. 11.	Fred Schachtele	Lincoln	6	Mozart 345
" 15.	Burr Orr	Cooksville	8	Cooksville 833
" 15.	Frank Orr	"	4	"
" 18.	Elmer Hagermann	Bloomington.	5	Uhland 305
" 18.	Loretta Hagermann	"	7	"
" 18.	Raymond Hagermann	"	2	"
" 23.	Frank Hayward	Bible Grove	11	Bible Grove 273
" 23.	Ethel Hayward	"	9	"
" 23.	Grace Hayward	"	7	"
" 23.	Nellie Williams	Chicago	9	Perseverance 587
" 23.	Lillie Williams	"	7	"
1898.				
Jan. 5.	Elmer Hayes	Chicago	6	Progress 524
" 27.	Mary Castle	Mill Shoals	9	Mill Shoals 835
" 27.	Maggie Castle	"	7	"

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Mar. 31.	Adolph Lang.....	Chicago.....	2½	Goethe 329.....
" 31.	Annie Lang.....	"	1½	" .....
June 20.	James Gaskill.....	Collinsville ..	11	Madison 43 .....
" 20.	Stephen Gaskill	" ..	7	" .....
" 20	Grace Gaskill.....	" ..	9	" .....
Aug. 24.	Eva Smith..... ..	Belknap	13	Belknap 251.....
" 24.	Fressno Smith....	"	12	" .....
Sept. 8.	Celia Walters.....	Fulton	8	Abou Ben Ad'm 148
" 8.	Bertha Walters.....	"	4	" "
" 12.	Gertrude Garbett.....	Griggsville ..	10	Colchester 714.....
" 12	Earle Garbett.....	" ..	8	" .....
" 14.	Charles Wescott.....	Wyoming.....	12	Wyoming 244.....
" 14.	Ward Wescott	"	9	" .....
" 18.	Fred Howse.....	Decatur.....	7	Shelby 274.....

Whole number admitted, 210.

The following is a list of the children who have been returned to their guardians or the Lodge by whom their application was recommended, or children for whom satisfactory positions have been secured since the opening of the Home January 26, 1893:

Otto Shustorman
Manney Shustorman
Frank Shustorman
Evart Hoover
Elsie Hoover
Jessie Hoover
Walter Haines
James Smith
Lawrence Teeple
Walter Wardell
Frank Downs
William Riley
Roy Hoswell
George Hoswell
Arthur Fellstrom
Belle Otis
Frances Otis
Cleve Otis
Fay Otis
Maude Jensen
May Jensen
Grace Jensen
Bessie Horn
Thomas Cummings
Fred Howard
Zed Howse
Tarlton White
Aubrey Anderson
Ochle Selvage
Sadie Bennett (deceased)
Christopher Maring
Leila Haines
Lucille Meredith
Marie Riley
Jennie Fellstrom
Arthur Watkins
William Dewald
Frank Beard
Abbie Horn
Thomas Clarida
Myrtle Bradley
John Jackson
Lester Woody
Ada Brussells
Frank Nounzie
Ellis Campbell
Peter Gosnell
Lizzie Barlow

Kate Cummings
Leroy Shoaff
Mary Shoaff
Gertrude Bentley
Harry Colvin
Grace Colvin
Lillie White
Willie White
John Casey
Emil Shoaff
John Dewald
Ida Williams
Evelyn Dehart
Laura Dehart
King David Dehart
Wesley Dehart
Fred Schachtele
Elmer Hagerman
Loretta Hagerman
Raymond Hagerman
Gertrude Maring (employed at the Home)

Whole number gone, 70.

SUMMARY.

Children admitted since the Home was opened	210
Returned to guardian or Lodge	69
Deceased	1
At the Home at present	140

How to Gain Admittance.

Lodges or guardians wishing to place in the Home children who are eligible to its benefits, should apply to the Superintendent at Lincoln for a blank form of application, this to be filled and signed by the guardian and Lodge (under seal) of which the father was a member in good standing at the time of his death. The application should then be returned to the Superintendent, who will present it to the Board of Directors for consideration at their first meeting thereafter. Parties presenting applications will be notified as soon as practicable of the result.

All applications coming before the Board are carefully considered as their individual merits demands.

Each child received is expected to come with at least one change of clothing.

Articles Donated.

Donations received from October 1, 1897, to October 1, 1898:

Sister Lizzie M. Dressoe, of Greenville—3 dresses, 3 aprons, 3 boys' waists, one union suit.

Sister Jennie Hamill, of Pearl Rebekah Lodge, No. 67—A white dress for baby Laura.

Thos. B. Needles, Grand Treasurer—Furnishings complete for three-bed dormitory.

Lucille Rebekah Lodge, No. 61—Furnishings complete for front hall bed room.

Golden Link Rebekah Lodge and Blue Bell Rebekah Lodge—Furnishings complete for reception room in girls' cottage.

Lodges of Springfield—Furnishings complete for reading room in girls' cottage.

Lodges of Champaign county—Furnishings complete for two-bed dormitory.

Marie Rebekah Lodge, No. 463—2 comforts, 4 sheets.

Westfield Rebekah, Lodge No. 287—2 comforts.

Triple Link Sewing Society, of Montgomery—10 dresses, 7 shirts, 5 aprons, 3 boys' waists, 1 pair hose, 1 pair overshoes, lot of reading matter.

Brenton Rebekah Lodge, No. 325—8 gowns, 6 vests, 10 pairs drawers, 5 dresses, 4 aprons, buttons and thread, 1 waist.

P. G. Master J. S. Ticknor—50 silver-plated napkin rings.

Hillsboro Rebekah Lodge, No. 317—1 comfort, 2 sheets, 2 pairs pillow cases.

Tidal Wave Rebekah Lodge, No. 119—2 comforts. 1 pair blankets, 2 sheets, 3 pairs pillow cases, calico for three aprons, 6 towels, 2 gowns, 2 pairs mittens, 2 collars, 2 suits underwear, 6 shirt waists, 9 pairs hose, 1 pair drawers, 1 apron, 5 skirts, 4 handkerchiefs, 1 fascinator, 3 caps, 1 hood, 5 pairs shoes, 1 pair rubbers, 1 cloak.

Sister Sophia Niemeyer—7 baskets of peaches, 3 bushels of apples, 2 boxes cookies.

Brothers Wilks and See, of Kinmundy—2 barrels apples.

Laurel Grove Rebekah Lodge, No. 414—3 comforts, 9 towels, 7 handkerchiefs, several yards of muslin.

Toulon Rebekah Lodge, No. 117—4 sheets, 8 pillow slips, 2 dresses, 3 gowns, 3 aprons, 3 pairs drawers, 2 comforts.

Sister Margaret Beard, of Bethlehem Lodge—1 quilt.

Glenwood Rebekah Lodge, No. 71—2 fine quilts.

Onarga Rebekah Lodge, No. 437—28 pints and 12 glasses of jelly.

Daughters of Liberty Rebekah Lodge, No. 400—A fine quilt.

Social Circle, Tirzah Rebekah Lodge, No. 488—1 counterpane, 5 comforts, 1 quilt, 2 pillows, 15 pairs pillow slips, 12 sheets.

Sewing Society, Maple Grove Rebekah Lodge, No. 283—2 comforts, 6 sheets, 2 pillow cases, wash bowl and pitcher, 4 blankets, 1 piece outing flannel, 2 pieces muslin, 3 pieces calico, 9 yards toweling, 1 towel, 19 pieces sheet music, 11 spools thread, 1 card buttons.

Ethel and Floyd Gridley, of West Chicago—A collection of young people's papers.

Sister Lorena Richie, Campus—Copies of Youth's Companions, 1 pair shoes, 2 shirts.

Sister Sophia Niemeyer, of Sophia, No. 96—1 barrel of fine apples.

Sister M. A. Brown and daughter, of Golden Rod Rebekah Lodge, No. 105—6 pairs girls' drawers, 2 pairs boys' drawers, 2 waists, 1 blouse, 1 apron, 2 yards flannel, 1 doll, 1 pair shoes, 2 pairs hose, 1 piece calico, 5 shirts.

Angelica Rebekah Lodge, No. 51—25 quarts fruit, 10 glasses jelly, 1 can salmon, 1 shirt.

Silver Link Rebekah Lodge, No. 404—41 copies magazines, 1 package pictures, 1 package tracing patterns, 9 aprons, 1 cap, 4 blouses, 1 pair drawers, 1 shirt, 2 towels, 1 comfort.

Varnell Rebekah Lodge, No. 296—21 cans of fruit, 5 glasses jelly.

Sewing Society, Harriet Scovill Rebekah Lodge, No. 293—15 gingham dresses, 1 gown, 1 skirt.

Sister Annie E. Godine, Galesburg—1 flannel dress.

Memento Rebekah Lodge, No. 125—52 quarts fruit, 5 pounds dried apples, 2 cans vegetables, 5 glasses jelly, 1 package quinces.

Merle and Ada Dieckmann—1 peck popcorn, 4 cans fruit, ½ bushel apples; and from Alvin and Ethel Hudson, ½ bushel walnuts, 1 peck popcorn, ½ bushel apples, all from Vandalia.

Sarah Rebekah Lodge, No. 34—8 towels, 9 quarts fruit, 1 quart pickles, 1 glass jelly, and from Master Everett Maitland, ½ bushel popcorn.

Rosedale Rebekah Lodge, No. 371—10 quarts fruit, 1 glass jelly, 7 quarts tomatoes.

W. H. Day, Rebekah Lodge No. 328—6 night gowns, 3 blouses, 6 skirts, 2 aprons, 7 pairs drawers, 1 pair pillow slips, buttons.

Mt. Sterling Rebekah Lodge, No. 190—28 quarts fruit, 3 glasses jelly, 1 can corn, 2 cans tomatoes, 1 jar fruit butter, 2 packages coffee, 4 cakes castile soap, 3 underskirts, 1 pair hose, 2 towels, 1 pair drawers, 39 yards cheese cloth, 2 comforts.

Sewing Circle, Columbia Rebekah Lodge, No. 39—1 comfort, 1 quilt, 5 towels, 3 pairs pillow slips, 5 pairs drawers.

Brother Frank Barowski, Peoria—1 barrel sauerkraut.

Alice Wolf, daughter of Brother E. Wolf, Wicker Park Lodge, No. 281—A large box filled with a great variety of toys for Christmas.

Brother George Hayward, Aurora—A fine large Christmas tree.

Maple City Rebekah Lodge, No. 420—2 comforts, 1 quilt, 6 gowns, 9 aprons, 6 boys' waists.

Sewing Society, Wide Awake Rebekah Lodge, No. 430—3 comforts.

W. H. Day, Rebekah Lodge, No. 328—1 outing flannel gown.

Naomi Sewing Society, Avon Rebekah Lodge, No. 100—10 aprons, 20 yards dress lining, 25 yards wool dress goods, 14 pairs pillow slips, 5 gowns, 1 pair drawers, 1 quilt.

Sister Jennie Brinkerhoff—20 yards ribbon, 2 shirt waists, 4 pairs mittens, 10 neckties, 4 handkerchiefs, 3 hoods, 4 boys' hats, 6 Tam O'Shanters, 2 boys' caps, 4 trimmed hats, 2 felt sailors, 1 boy's waist, 3 pairs hose supporters.

Orphans' Home Sewing Society, Monmouth Rebekah Lodge, No. 128—8 pillow cases, 4 sheets, 3 comforts, papers.

Sister S. P. Larson, DeKalb—1 quilt.

Moss Rose Rebekah Lodge, No. 332—1 comfort.

Memento Rebekah Lodge, No. 125—1 box cookies, 1 box candy, large volume Shakespeare, bundle of sheet music.

Unique Rebekah Lodge, No. 450—8 quarts fruit, 2 cloaks, 2 shirt waists, 18 books.

Olive Leaf Rebekah Lodge, No. 275—20 quarts fruit, 6 quarts fruit butter, 1 pair shoes, 1 pair rubber overshoes, 4 skirts, 3 pairs drawers, 2 drawer waists.

Sister Hayward, of Aurora—6 undershirts, 2 bibs, 5 skirts, 1 cloak, 2 pairs hose, 1 Tam O'Shanter, 4 pairs drawers, 2 gowns.

Carterville Lodge, No. 703—A box for the Bradley sisters.

South Englewood Rebekah Lodge, No. 464—11 gowns, 5 skirts, 8 vests, 8 drawers, 1 comfort, 8 pairs hose, 12 handkerchiefs, 1 apron.

Brother and Sister W. H. Rigdon, Orphans' Home Rebekah Lodge, No. 9—10 dolls.

E. E. Omey, Mystic Lodge, No. 17, of Hannibal, Mo.—5 pounds candy, ½ peck mixed nuts, ½ peck peanuts.

Fair Rebekah Lodge, No. 110—1 crate of oranges.

Sewing Circle, Eula Rebekah Lodge, No. 24—5 aprons, 9 boys' waists, 5 skirts, 12 handkerchiefs; from Sister Johnson, same Lodge, 1 dress.

Sister Niemeyer, Sophia, No. 96—15 dozen Christmas cake hearts.

Wicker Park Lodge, No. 281, and Mystic Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 291—1 pair pants, 3 cloaks, 6 pairs hose, 1 hat, 1 suit clothes, 1 cap, 1 dress, 13 handkerchiefs, 1 skirt, 2 pairs mittens, dress linings.

Mendota Rebekah Lodge, No. 491—Popcorn, candy and nuts, 1 glass jelly, 11 pairs hose, 3 pairs drawers, 18 undershirts, 4 boys' waists, 3 aprons, 12 handkerchiefs, 2 games, toy dishes, bunches of holly.

Rockford Rebekah Lodge, No. 31—30 pillow slips, 14 sheets, 1 quilt.

Pocahontas Rebekah Lodge, No. 59—1 barrel apples.

Sister Della Wilmouth, Rebekah Lodge, No. 77—1 dress, 12 handkerchiefs, 2 fringed towels, 2 pairs hose.

Sisters Augusta Ardy and Cornelia Watson, of Rebekah Lodge No. 31—1 quilt.

B. F. Hoopes & Son, Bloomington—2 fine bunches bananas.

Brother Adam Denger, Lodge No. 204—2½ bushels nuts, 1 crate of oranges.

Montgomery Rebekah Lodge, No. 329—2 bushels popcorn.

Lilla Rebekah Lodge, No. 63, Springfield—10 quart cans fruit, 13 quart jars fruit, 12 glasses jelly, 6 boxes wax candles, 12 aprons, 14 pillow shams, 1 quilt, 2 feather pillows, 2 pillow cases, 1 baby bonnet, 1 doll, 6 handkerchiefs.

Lincoln Home Sewing Society of Irma Rebekah Lodge, No. 208—1 comfort, 17 pairs drawers, 6 gowns, 20 aprons, 3 dresses, 4 waists, Christmas greeting card.

Brother J. Landaur, Lincoln Lodge, No. 204—A large box of candy.

Members of Parthenia Rebekah Lodge, No. 229—2 skirts, 3 drawer waists, 3 pairs hose, Lotto game, 1 cloak, 11 aprons, 2 pairs drawers,

3 pairs mittens, ½ peck popcorn, 3½ yards gingham, 3 yards calico, toys and picture cards.

Lottie Rebekah Lodge, No. 292—13 quarts of fruit, 1 glass jelly, 2 quarts pickles.

Xenia Rebekah Lodge, No. 213—2 comforts.

Buda Rebekah Lodge, No. 339, and Buda Lodge, No. 575—1 comfort, 12 handkerchiefs, 1 doll.

Sandwich, No. 212 and Hawthorne Rebekah, No. 270—4 comforts, 10 towels, 2 table cloths, 13 aprons, 2 yards calico.

Cabery Rebekah Lodge, No. 316—17 skirts, 1 pair baby bootees, baby's hood, 4 gowns, 9 waists, 4 shirts, 1 pair hose, 9 pairs pants, 1 pair brownies, boy's coat, cape, 1 cloak, papers.

Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 193—1 comfort, 1 blanket, 1 sunbonnet, 5 pillow slips, 4 pairs drawers, 2 underwaists, 5 aprons, 3 yards lawn, 2 glasses jelly, 4 cans fruit, 2 cans corn, 1 sack beans.

New Hope Rebekah Lodge, No. 230—1 pair blankets, 5 pairs hose, 3 pairs mittens, 6 undervests, 2 pairs drawers, 6 yards ribbon, 8 handkerchiefs, 12 yards gingham.

First Swedish Rebekah Lodge, No. 124, Sewing Circle—12 wool dresses.

Sinai Rebekah Lodge, No. 36—22 yards muslin, 2 comforts, 4 quarts fruit butter, 18 cans fruit, 1 glass jelly.

Sciota Rebekah Lodge, No. 331—1 comfort, 8 pairs hose, 2 pairs mittens, 1 jacket, 2 pairs pillow cases, 3 handkerchiefs, 2 pairs drawers, 2 dresses, 4 aprons, 1 gallon preserves, 1 pint jelly.

Gertrude Rebekah Lodge, No. 147—1 wool dress, 2 cotton dresses, 1 apron, 2 boys' waists, 1 pair hose, 2 pairs mittens, 1 necktie, handkerchiefs, nuts and candy.

Effingham Rebekah Lodge, No. 219—19 quarts fruit, 11 cans vegetables, 2 quarts piccalilli, 1 quart jelly, 6 yards canton flannel, 2 towels, 2 comforts, tie, handkerchief; from Brother Sam Elston, 2 books.

Sister E. G. Kerr, Octavia Rebekah Lodge, No. 286—1 quilt, 2 towels.

Tidal Wave Rebekah Lodge, No. 119—1 quilt, 3 dresses, 1 blouse waist, 4 shirts, 20 pairs drawers, 3 caps, 2 pairs pants, 1 pair leggings, 2 skirts, 4 pairs shoes, 4 underskirts, 18 pairs hose, 20 books, 2 dolls, 12 handkerchiefs, 6 pairs mittens, 5 pairs mittens, 6 pairs rubbers, 3 lbs candy, 4 gowns, 2 pairs blankets, 1 sheet, 2 towels, 3 baby shirts, 3 pillow cases, 2 union suits, 4 sets paper dolls, 7 aprons.

Sister Eliza Hocking, of Adelaide Rebekah Lodge, No. 214—2 pairs woolen stockings.

Rosedale Rebekah Lodge, No. 371—2 comforts, 1 quilt, and a pair of mittens from Sister R. J. King.

Dove Rebekah Lodge, No. 12—3 dresses, 6 drawer waists, 1 quilt, 6 pairs drawers, 1 apron, 2 pairs pillow cases, 3 bibs; from Sister Walker, 6 girls' hats.

Brilliant Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 310—20 quarts fruit, 1 package dried peaches.

Fairview Rebekah Lodge, No. 243—A fine quilt pieced by Sister Mateer and quilted by members of the Lodge.

Winona Rebekah Lodge, No. 38—27 quarts fruit, 1 quart jelly.

Sister Matilda Griebel, First Past President of Assembly—A fine calendar for office.

Brother George Brockett, of Lincoln Lodge, No. 204—A machine for putting buttons on shoes, and 9 pairs rubbers.

Vesta Rebekah Lodge, No. 29—1 quilt, 6 yards gingham, 5 yards outing flannel, 2 blouse waists, 2 pairs hose, 3 handkerchiefs, 1 glass jelly, dolls, picture books, yarn.

Alton Rebekah Lodge, No. 475—2 quilts, a doll with its wardrobe from little May Stanton.

Keithsburg Rebekah Lodge, No. 247—11 quarts fruit, 12 glasses jelly, 4 quarts fruit butter, 3 packages reading matter.

Forest Home Rebekah Lodge, No 416—8 quarts fruit, 2 quarts tomatoes, 1 quart plum butter, 1 quart grape butter, 2 cans pork and beans.

Bethel Rebekah Lodge, No. 253—2 comforts, 1 waist, 3 pairs mittens.

Social Lodge, No. 140—A fine life-size portrait of Past Grand Master John Lake, of Rockford.

Eula Rebekah Lodge, No. 24—30 quarts fruit. 12 glasses jelly.

Sister Lorena Richie, of Campus—A nice wool dress and 8 yards of gingham.

Sabbath-School Class of Sister Alice Kagy, of Salem—A beautiful scrap-book made for the "Home" children.

Sister B. R. Albert, Essex Rebekah Lodge, No. 79—27 yards dress goods, 11 pairs gloves, 20 pairs hose, 22 boys' hats, 1 pair shoes, 2 pairs slippers, 3 undershirts, 2 pairs drawers, 2 dozen thread, 36 gross buttons, 8 balls dress braid.

Rantoul Rebekah Lodge, No. 268—2 comforts and books and papers from Sister Katharyn Jones.

South Park Lodge, No. 488—4 white enameled iron bedsteads, springs and mattresses complete.

Rantoul Rebekah Lodge, No. 268—9 quarts fruit, 8 glasses jelly, 1 pint mustard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheeler, of Alton Rebekah Lodge, No. 475—4 volumes "The People's Cyclopedia of Universal Knowledge."

Art Library Publishing Co., Philadelphia, through Brother C. H. Rurey, of Chicago—A ten-volume edition of "Spofford's Historic Characters and Famous Events."

Bethesda Rebekah Lodge, No. 222—16 quarts fruit, 3 glasses jelly; and from little Stella Carnet, a package of picture cards.

Brother F. B. Ricker, Cortland—48 boxes honey.

Cheltenham Rebekah Lodge, No. 376—8 blouses, 6 aprons, 6 night gowns, 5 night shirts, 1 pair drawers, 2 dozen handkerchiefs, buttons.

Sister Dresser, of same Lodge—1 white dress, 1 coat, 1 pair pants, 2 boys' waists.

Ornate Rebekah Lodge, No. 466—41 quarts fruit, 1 quart tomatoes.

Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 175—2 bushels rolled oats, 24 quarts fruit, 4 glasses jelly.

Donors unknown (no letter having been received)—5 glasses jelly, 18 quarts fruit, 50 yards calico, 44 yards unbleached muslin.

Tirzah Rebekah Lodge, No. 488, Sewing Circle—8 nice percale dresses.

Altoona Rebekah Lodge, No. 10, Sewing Society—2 quilts.

Samaritan Rebekah Lodge, No. 120—1 comfort, 3 pairs pants, 2 pairs hose, 2 skirts, 1 shirt waist, 7 blouses, 3 pairs drawers, 2 aprons, 2 chemises, 12 pillow slips, 6 sheets, box of candy for the babies.

Hulda Rebekah Lodge, No. 46—1 quilt, 3 dresses, 2 night shirts, 2 shirt waists.

Victor Rebekah Lodge, No. 385—24 glasses jelly, 15 quarts fruit, 4 quarts fruit butter, 2 quarts corn, 4 cans salmon.

Rising Sun Rebekah Lodge, No. 491—28 quarts fruit, 9 glasses jelly.

Lillian Rebekah Lodge, No. 146—2 comforts, 1 small comfort and a necktie quilt.

Brighton Star Rebekah Lodge, Chicago—1 comfort, 1 dress, 1 suit boy's clothes, pair rubber shoes.

Orphans' Home Rebekah Lodge, No. 9—280 colored Easter eggs, 4 dozen fancy candy eggs.

Brother M. P. Berry—62 books for library.

Banner Rebekah Lodge, No. 477—5 dresses, 2 skirts, 1 pair hose, 2 pairs drawers, 3 undervests, 5 yards of shaker flannel, 1 yard ribbon, 12 spools thread, 6 bars soap, 35 yards calico, gingham and lawn, package of sugar, raisins, rice and rolled oats.

Watseka Rebekah Lodge, No. 440, Sewing Society—31 sunbonnets, 42 aprons, money for material contributed by Iroquois Encampment, No. 81.

Eclipse Rebekah Lodge, No. 127, Sewing Association—1 handsome quilt.

Vesper Rebekah Lodge, No. 172—12 pretty sunbonnets.

Lucille Rebekah Lodge, No. 61—A handsome pair pillow shams for "Lucille Dormitory."

Onarga Rebekah Lodge, No. 437—6 comforts.

Brother and Sister N. D. Calkins, Chicago—2 dresses, 2 waists, paper dolls.

Evening Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 21—2 quilts.

Orangeville Rebekah Lodge, No. 452—6 aprons, 7 shirts.

Victoria Rebekah Lodge, No. 178—1 quilt, 2 sheets, 2 pairs pillow-slips, 2 pairs drawers.

Brother George Brockett, of Lincoln Lodge, No. 204—10 tennis caps for boys.

Mr. McConnell, of Lincoln—3 months subscription to the Chicago Record.

Buda Rebekah Lodge, No. 339—2 comforts.

Stonefort Rebekah Lodge, No. 132—1 comfort.

Petersburg Rebekah Lodge, No. 92—4 dresses, 6 aprons, 13 gowns, 2 skirts, 6 blouses, 1 sunbonnet, 1 jacket, 1 drawer waist, 1 tablet.

Rebekah Lodge of Fairfield—1 quilt, also 1 quilt made by the Lodge and presented to the Home by Grand Secretary J. R. Miller.

Sister Edith Bennet, of Sandwich—1 quilt, 2 sheets, 1 pair pillow-slips, 2 shirts, 1 apron, 4 boys' waists, 2 dresses.

Hebron Rebekah Lodge, No. 206—5 dresses, 1 apron, 1 blouse waist, 4 pairs drawers, 2 drawer waists.

Members of Alma Rebekah Lodge, No. 163—2 skirts, 3 drawer-waists, 3 pairs hose, 1 cloak, 11 aprons, 3 pairs mittens, half-peck pop-corn, 2 pairs drawers, 3½ yards gingham, 3 yards calico.

Melrose Rebekah Lodge, No. 14—40 quarts fruit.

W. R. Humphrey, editor "The Illinois Odd Fellow"—1 set of 8 volumes "Ridpath's History of the Great Races of Mankind."

Sister J. B. Scoville, Englewood—4 dresses, 1 skirt, 1 shirt waist, 4 fancy collars, 1 corset waist.

Brother J. C. Meyer, Chicago, florist—A large box of blooming plants for lawn.

Sister Susie Bricknett, American Rebekah Lodge, No. 188—2 books.

M. Zwicky's Sons, Springfield—1 dozen medicated toilet soap.

Sister M. C. Meyers, of Paris—2 pairs pants, 1 vest, 2 pairs shoes.

Brother Adam Denger, of No. 204—A large box of fireworks for 4th of July.

Rockford Rebekah Lodge, No. 31, Mite Society—1 dozen aprons, 8 pairs pants, 3 pairs suspenders.

Sister Lizzie Dressoe, Greenville—1 skirt, 2 suits underclothes, 1 dress, 1 apron, 1 pair pants, 1 pair shoes.

Sister M. A. Brown, Pulaski—24 yards of goods for shirt waists.

Sister Lorena Richie, Campus—1 shirt waist.

Rosedale Rebekah Lodge, No. 371, and Brother C. H. West—8 baskets of peaches.

Brother J. C. Smith, P. G. Master and P. G. Patriarch, Chicago—A copy of "History of Odd Fellowship," published by Three Link Fraternity Co.

Brother James R. Miller, Grand Secretary—3 years' subscription to "The Humane Journal."

Sister Olive J. Blackman, Grand Warden Rebekah Assembly—2 fine suits for boys.

SUPPLEMENTAL.

The following donations should have appeared in the report last year:

Sister Helfrick, of Carthage—1 shirt waist, 7 boy's waists and 4 underwaists.

Mystic Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 291—8 pillow cases, 2 comforts, 1 dress, 1 apron, 1 tie, 5 pairs drawers, 1 cloak, 1 breastpin, 1 kodak, 2 skirts, doll and ball.

Central City Rebekah Lodge, No. 368—2 comforts; and from Sister Bishop, 1 quilt and 1 pair pillow cases.

Sewing Society Lucille Rebekah Lodge, No. 61—3 dresses and 1 quilt made by eight little girls.

Charity Rebekah Lodge, No. 362—A pretty white dress.

Brother and Sister Wisenant, Central Rebekah Lodge, No. 313—A beautiful quilt.

Salaries.

Amount of salaries, as per pay-roll commencing October 1st, 1897, and ending October 1st, 1898, as follows:

Superintendent and Matron	$1,000 00
Three School Teachers (10 months)	600 00
Four Governesses for Cottages and Main Building	1,020 00
One Music Teacher, piano and voice	165 00
One Music Teacher for band	182 00
Three Cooks	56 95
One Baker	180 00
One Assistant Baker	138 76
One Seamstress	144 00
Two Men	510 00
Two Laundry Helpers	231 00
Total	$4,627 71

Insurance.

We are carrying insurance on main building, boys' cottage, girls' cottage, school building, brick barn, frame barn, chicken house, live stock, grain and furniture, in the following companies:

$2,000.00 Fire Association of Philadelphia, expires Oct. 4, 1899.

$3,650.00 Fire Association of Philadelphia, expires Nov. 16, 1899.

$5,000.00 Rockford Insurance Company of Rockford, Ill., expires Aug. 26, 1900.

$5,000.00 The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, expires Nov. 20, 1901.

$5,000.00 Rockford Insurance Company of Rockford, expires Nov. 20, 1901.

$2,500.00 Security Insurance Company, New Haven, Conn., expires Nov. 20, 1901.

$2,500.00 The Reliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia, expires Nov. 20, 1901.

$5,000.00 The Imperial Insurance Company (limited) of London, England.

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$5,000.00 Fire Association of Philadelphia, expires Dec. 8, 1901.

$5,000.00 Westchester Fire Insurance Company of New York City, expires July 17, 1902.

$5,000.00 German Insurance Company of Freeport, Ill., expires Sept. 7, 1903.

Farm, Garden and Orchard.

Having but 40 acres of land, a large plat of which is used as a lawn, our productions belonging to a farm proper are very meagre. Our garden, however, a most important accessory to the Home, has done us good service, supplying us with all the green vegetables we have used during the year (aside from the potatoes during the winter), and promising even more in the year just begun. Most wonderful of all has been the yield of fruit from our orchard, which has surpassed both in amount and quality our most sanguine expectations. The following is a list of crops for the year:

565 bushels of potatoes.
300 bushels of turnips.
40 bushels of sweet corn.
25 bushels of wax beans.
18 bushels of lima beans.
25 bushels of sweet potatoes.
31 bushels of beets.
15 bushels of parsnips.
70 bushels of lettuce.
8 bushels of peas.
29 bushels of cucumbers.
28 bushels of radishes.
19 bushels of onions.
62 bushels of tomatoes.
9 bushels of spinach.
1½ bushels of peppers.
172 bunches of pie plant.
40 watermelons.
350 muskmelons.
985 dozen onion sets.
3000 heads of cabbage.
25 bushels of corn.

From the lawn has been cut 7 tons of hay; from the field, 2,000 bundles of sheaf oats and 1,000 bundles of rye.

From the orchard we have picked as follows:

280 bushels of peaches.
9 bushels of pears.
19½ bushels of cherries.
25 bushels of currants.
344 quarts of strawberries.
128 quarts of gooseberries.

64 quarts of black raspberries.
25 quarts of red raspberries.
28 quarts of blackberries.
3204 pounds of grapes.
158 pounds of white grapes.

Live Stock.

Live stock at the Home consists of 3 horses, 8 milch cows, 3 yearling heifers, 1 bull, 14 hogs, and 175 fowls.

Per Capita.

The average number of children in the Home during the past year was 144. From a careful and concise computation, we find that the cost per capita of providing for their varied wants, including board, clothing and school, was $110.50.

When it is considered that during the year covered by this report almost all articles used at the Home have borne a higher price than in the preceding years, this reduction in the amount of expense per capita tells a very satisfactory story of the benefits resulting from the products of the farm and garden.

Financial Statement.

The following are the receipts for the period commencing October 1, 1897, and ending September 30, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation made by the Grand Lodge November, 1897...	$25,000 00
Contingent expense fund in hands of L. L. Morrison, Supt.	200 00

Cash received from Lodges, individuals, and sales is as follows:

Gem Lodge, No. 572	$5 00
Parthenia Rebekah Lodge, No. 229, and Safford, No. 67	5 00
A Friend	8 20
Leota Rebekah Lodge. No. 326	10 00
Eureka Rebekah Lodge, No. 58	9 45
Balance from Cook County Picnic Committee	229 00
Sale of souvenirs	8 75
Mercer County Lodges	80 00
United Rebekah Lodge, No. 436	10 00
W. F. Holt, of Aurora	5 00
Dwight Lodge, No. 513	5 85
Abraham Lincoln Rebekah Lodge, No. 85	5 00
Alta Rebekah Lodge, No. 398	54 38
Maple Leaf Rebekah Lodge, No. 283	3 30
Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge, No. 365	5 00
Herald sales of souvenirs	10 00
One souvenir	25
Golden Link, No. 3, and Blue Bell, No. 460 (Rebekah Lodges)	10 00
"Home" collection box	13 29
Monument card filled by Sister Barrington, of Eleanor Rebekah Lodge, No. 335	5 00

Monument card filled by Sister Addie Watson, of Genoa Rebekah Lodge, No. 330	$5 00
Percentage of subscriptions to "National Rebekah"	12 25
Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge, No. 231	5 00
Children's fares to Springfield by Rebekah Assembly	11 45
Eagle Encampment, No. 39	10 00
Galena Rebekah Lodge, No. 346	5 00
Tirzah Rebekah Lodge, No. 488, by Social Circle	5 00
Daughters of Liberty Rebekah Lodge, No. 400	1 76
El Dorado Rebekah Lodge, No. 307	5 00
Members of Rochelle Rebekah Lodge, No. 471	6 30
Ceres Rebekah Lodge, No. 42	8 00
Hawthorne Rebekah Lodge, No. 270	5 00
Amicitia Lodge, No. 83	1 00
Sheridan Lodge, No. 662	10 00
Adelaide Rebekah Lodge, No. 214	5 00
Mound City Rebekah Lodge, No. 322	5 00
Monument card filled by Sister Crouch, of Maple City Rebekah Lodge, No. 420	5 00
Six months' subscription to "National Rebekah"	50
Rose Lodge, No. 409	3 40
Bethlehem Rebekah Lodge, No. 32	5 00
Brothers of Sycamore Lodge, No. 105	2 75
Brother Chas. Bramkamp, Dayton, Ohio	5 00
Florence Nightingale Rebekah Lodge, No. 205	5 00
Ashkum Rebekah Lodge, No. 580	5 00
Fairview Rebekah Lodge, No. 243	5 00
Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 265	5 00
Lottie Rebekah Lodge, No. 292	3 00
Snachwine Lodge, No. 147, and Tiskilwa Rebekah Lodge, No. 397	10 00
Wicker Park Lodge, No. 281	10 00
Edina Lodge, No. 391	5 00
Sciota Lodge, No. 552	5 00
Crystal Rebekah Lodge, No. 395	10 00
Angelica Rebekah Lodge, No. 51	5 00
Vesper Rebekah Lodge, No. 72	5 00
Springfield Lodges	81 40
Falmouth, No. 651, and Falmouth Rebekah Lodge, No. 303	5 00
First Swedish, No. 479	5 00
Vlast Rebekah Lodge, No. 165	5 00
Monument card filled by May Queen Rebekah Lodge, No. 210	5 00
M. P. Berry, No. 412	10 00
W. G. Nye, Grand Representative of Minnesota	4 00
New Burnside Lodge, No. 625	28 00
Watseka Rebekah Lodge, No. 440	1 50
Normal Rebekah Lodge, No. 334	8 75
White Oaks Rebekah Lodge, No. 314	5 00
A. B. Alsbrook, of No. 625	5 00
Berry souvenirs	55
Perry Lodge, No. 97	5 00
Social Rebekah Lodge, No. 257	10 00
Saunemin Rebekah Lodge, No. 345	5 00
LeRoy Lodge, No. 149	2 57
Ivy Leaf Rebekah Lodge, No. 428	8 65
Memento Branch Rebekah, Lodge No. 155, Aid Society	5 00
Highwood Rebekah Lodge, No. 253	10 00

Electra Rebekah Lodge, No. 134	$5 00
Three Links Lodge, No. 812	5 00
Argenta Lodge, No. 720	10 00
Alton Rebekah Lodge, No. 475	5 65
A. F Anderson, No. 479	50 00
Ella Rebekah Lodge, No. 56	6 00
Calumet Rebekah Lodge, No. 350	5 00
Pride of Lanark Rebekah Lodge, No. 445	5 00
Charleston Rebekah Lodge, No. 66	5 00
Memento Rebekah Lodge, No. 155	10 00
Laurel Grove Rebekah Lodge, No. 414	4 20
Avon Rebekah Lodge, No. 100	5 00
Cuba Rebekah Lodge, No. 33	4 00
Harmony Rebekah Lodge, No. 53	3 76
Canton Rebekah Lodge, No. 245	10 00
Mrs. F. M. Grant, of Rebekah Lodge No. 245	1 04
McLean Lodge, No. 206	5 00
Donation from Rebekah Assembly	250 00
Elgiva Rebekah Lodge, No. 194	10 00
Golden Link Rebekah Lodge, No. 3	9 47
Members Boone Lodge, No. 832	3 50
Paw Paw Rebekah Lodge, No. 264	5 00
Bethesda Rebekah Lodge, No. 222	2 00
Highwood Rebekah Lodge, No. 353	5 00
Golden Link Rebekah Lodge, No. 3	1 00
Ornate Rebekah Lodge, No. 466	71
Banner Rebekah Lodge, No. 447	6 00
Chicago Lodge, No. 55	5 00
Sheridan Lodge, No. 662	10 00
Rising Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 401	7 00
Money given band boys at Rantoul	2 50
Bro. John Miner, of Gibson City	6 00
Dexter Lodge, No. 568	5 00
Fidelia Rebekah Lodge, No. 278	5 00
Bro. Alf. Troxell, of Canton	2 00
Orphans' Home Rebekah Lodge, No. 9	4 01
Rantoul Rebekah Lodge, No. 268	10 00
Collection taken on train for band by Decatur Odd Fellows.	6 15
First Swedish Rebekah Lodge, No. 124	10 00
Sandwich Lodge, No. 212	31 00
Roxana Rebekah Lodge, No. 473	5 00
Calumet Rebekah Lodge, No. 350	5 00
Duplicate lost money order	51
Stonefort Rebekah Lodge, No. 132	11 00
A. F. Anderson, Chicago	25 00
Monument card filled by Sister Watson, of Rebekah Lodge No. 57	5 00
E. L. Sunderman	75 00
Crystal Glen Rebekah Lodge, No. 254	5 00
Bro. Chas. Bramkamp, Dayton, Ohio	6 00
Hopedale Lodge, No. 865	6 25
Two copies Berry's souvenir	50
A. F. Anderson, Chicago	40 00
Woodlawn Park Lodge, No. 825	30 00
Virden Lodge, No. 534	20 00
Olive Rebekah Lodge, No. 57	5 00
Cerro Gordo Rebekah Lodge, No. 137	5 00
Wild Rose Rebekah Lodge, No. 516	2 50

Juanita Rebekah Lodge, No. 477	$1 50
Contents "Home" collection box	11 34
Highwood Rebekah Lodge, No. 353	5 00
Florence Rebekah Lodge, No. 1	18 00
Sale of lettuce	20
Sale of eight quarts currants	60
Sale of two bushels radishes	50
Sale of three dozen bunches onions	1 25
Sale of monument cards	2 00
Sale of peaches, pears and grapes	102 00
Sale of calves	12 50
Sale of pork	226 07
Sale of cows	40 00
Sale of cherries	4 75
Sale of onions	6 75
Sale of second-hand bedsteads	11 30
Sale of cow hide	4 75
Sale of second-hand books	1 60
One syrup barrel credited	50
Total amount of receipts	$27,321 66

EXPENDITURES.

Expense account	$1,680 53
Improvements	1,107 24
Clothing	905 17
Dry Goods	534 64
Fuel	612 28
Furniture	64 40
Directors' meetings	219 49
School building and chapel	4 808 00
Groceries	4,309 53
Meats	779 27
Medical attendance and medicine	42 45
Printing	27 00
School supplies	348 59
Salaries	4,627 71
Water and light	585 12
Berry Souvenir fund	69 38
Amount overdrawn from Treasurer, last report	968 21
Balance of Fountain fund Cook County Lodges, to Treasurer	229 00
Contingent expense fund, L. L. Morrison, Superintendent	200 00
Total	$22,118 01
Balance on hand September 30, 1898	5,203 65

SUPPLEMENTAL.

Warrants issued since date of this report	$2,026 40
Outstanding contracts for completion of school building and other unpresented bills	50 00
Balance on hand Nov. 7, 1898	127 25

VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Valuation of property October 1, 1897	$88,912 45
Amount expended for permanent improvements from October 1, 1897, to October 1, 1898	5,915 24
Value of Home	$94,827 69

For a more detailed statement see Grand Treasurer's report hereto attached.

Treasurer's Report.

REPORT OF ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

Dr.

1897		
Dec. 13.	To cash received from J. W. Yantis, Secretary....	$336 03
1898		
Jan. 25.	" " " " "	230 05
Feb. 14.	" " " " "	217 12
March 18.	" " " " "	334 65
April 11.	" " " " "	39 18
May 12.	" " " " "	72 76
June 22.	" " " " "	223 23
July 12.	" " " " "	86 00
Sept. 3.	" " " " "	56 30
" 16.	" " " " "	254 25
Oct. 7.	" " " " "	43 09
" 20.	To appropriation transferred from General Fund.	25,000 00
		$26,892 66

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By orders paid issued by the Grand Master and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, as follows:

NO.		VOUCHER	AM'T.
2712,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expenses	306	$145 06

D. C. Cook & Co., Sunday-school supplies, $11.24; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry work (5 weeks), 25 00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry work (extra), $1 00; Isaac Stiefel, girls' caps, 4.00; John A. Lutz, girls' caps, 7.00; Lincoln Herald (2 years), 3.00; Mrs. Wilson, yeast (500 cakes), 2.00; J. Henderson, timber, 1.50; H. C. Braucher, 6 sets book-keeping, 10.80; Cora Sarver, services (discharged), 4.50; C. & A. freight (disinfectant), 67c; L. L. Morrison, Encyclopaedia for Berry Library, 8.00; H. F. Walker, threshing (in August), 5.96; American Express Co., service for September, 1.65; Central Union Telephone Co., service and toll, 4.00; T. H. Stokes, P. M., stamps, 5.00; Racket Store, thimbles and yarn, 2.10; A. & G. Meyer, for finding calf, 1.00; Illinois Central R. R., freight for September, 7.12; Armour Packing Co., butterine, 6.60; Spellman, Orton & Co., Wheat 2.95; Rheinhardt & Miltendorf, 3 alarm clocks and repairing glasses, 3.90; Lyon & Healy, instruction books, 5.70; W. Union Telegraph Co., service for September, 5.22; Wm. Jones, laying brick walk

around well, 3.00; P. O. box rent, 3 months, 60c; B. H. Fullerton, pasturage, 7.80; W. S. West, tuning 3 pianos, 3.00; R. E. Knorr, 75c.

2713,	L. L. Morrison, pay roll for October	307	$389 13
2714,	Adam Denger, groceries	308	351 96
2715,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods and carpets	309	113 15
2716,	Meyer & Wenthe, porcelain plates	310	35 00
2717,	J. W. Yantis, expense board meeting	311	9 75
2750,	H. Marshall, repairs to plumbing and heating plants	312	287 43
2751,	Adam Denger, groceries and supplies	313	283 37
2752,	E. L. French, 33 band lessons	314	66 00
2753,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for October and November	315	137 11
2754,	Citizens' Coal Company, coal	316	112 00
2755,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	317	47 17
2756,	A. S. Kirkpatrick & Son, medical services	318	21 00
2757,	Scherer & Schweckert, machinery and repairs	319	26 06
2758,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for November	320	396 33
2759,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense paid	321	141 65

Adolph Reinhardt, engraving 25 napkin rings, 75c; U. S. Express Co., service for October, $2.00; Illinois Central R. R., freight, 25c; Thos. H. Stokes, P. M., postage stamps. 10.00; combs, 1.25; B. S. Fullerton, pasturage, 5.00: Western Union Telegraph Co., 1.60: American Express Co., 85c; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service (4 weeks), 20.00; Chas. Mohr, 25¼ bu. potatoes, 12.50; Christian Downing (cow service), 1.50; Central Tel. Co. (toll), 1.00; C. & A., freight, 1.10; Dan Hurley, 2,400 lbs. hay, 7.20; Armour Packing Co., butterine, 24.70; Gust Meyer, porcelain door plate, 5.00; Mrs. Wilson, yeast, 50c: P. D. & E., freight, 50c: Railroad fare, children to assembly reception, 11.40; Swift & Co., butterine, 6.25: W. N. Bock, frames, 6.75; M. L. Joseph, machine oil and needles, 1.00; J. L. Smith, 20 lbs. honey, 2.00; 1½ lbs. sweet pea seed, 1.20; Lyon & Healy, music book and sheet music, 6.45; O. C. Oltz, plastering, 8.40; J. H. Rhodes, Chicago daily paper (4 months), 2.50.

2760,	C. J. Presler, repairing shoes	322	22 85
2761,	C. A. Locke & Co., disinfectant	323	6 98
2762,	John A. Simpson, coal room and chute	324	44 00
2763,	Lincoln Roller Mills, 10 bu. rye	325	5 25
2764,	Lincoln Monument Co., stone for cistern	326	13 50
2765,	Layman & Richie, books and stationery	327	6 10
2766,	B. P. Andrews, lumber	328	4 48
2767,	Rockford Silver Plate Co., 3 doz. knives and forks	329	13 50
2768,	The Wasson Co., machinery repairs	330	6 26
2769,	Geo. J. Brockett, 64 pairs shoes	331	76 50
2770,	W. E. Wood, paints and painting	332	44 71
2771,	M. Griesheim, clothing	333	40 00
2772,	W. R. Gilchrist 9 pairs shoes	334	12 68
2773,	Chas. C. Reed, books, stationery and drugs	335	59 69
2774,	Lincoln Water, Light and Power Co., water, light and supplies	336	101 45
2775,	W. R. Humphrey, expense board meeting	337	8 50
2776,	J. W. Yantis, expense board meeting and postage	338	9 50
2777,	J. Horton, carpenter work	339	9 80
2778,	Wm. Hungerford, lumber and work	340	30 25
2783,	U. Stoll, repairing shoes	341	17 90
2784,	Chas. C. Reed, school supplies	342	12 80

2785,	M. Reinhardt & Son, hardware	343	$28 56
2786,	Swift & Co., butterine	344	21 25
2787,	Lincoln Water, Light and Power Co., light and water	345	96 69
2788,	M. Griesheim, clothing	346	20 40
2789,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for December	347	53 95
2790,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for December	348	396 33
2791,	Geo. J. Brockett, boots and shoes	349	30 00
2792,	F. M. Mills, connecting gas-pipes	350	3 30
2793,	C. J. Peasler, repairing shoes	351	5 45
2794,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense paid	352	112 08
	John A. Lutz, delineator for one year, $1.00; U. Stoll, shoe repairs, 2.60; Tobey Furniture Co., castors and knobs for beds, 3.75; Western Union Tel. Co., service for November, 1.83; M. E. Schriver, diamond cutter chart, 5.00; Central Union Telephone Co., service and toll for November, 2.25; Swift & Co., 50 lbs. butterine, 6.25; Cline's thermometer, 1.25; American Express Co., service for November, 1.20, M. Y. Pollock, 1 set of Bible studies, 3.75; Dr. O. Snyder, kidney balsam, half dozen, 4.00. C. E. Ross, repairs on washing machine, 3.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service (2 weeks), 10.00; Adam Schnaun, 2 loads of straw, 2.00; Lincoln Mutual Telephone Co., for one quarter, 4.50; Illinois Central R. R. Co., freight, 1.60; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; P., D. & E., freight, 30 cents; T. H. Stokes, postmaster, stamps, 5.00; W. S. West, tuning 4 pianos, 3.00; P., D. & E., freight, 50 cents; Mrs. Strawn, 114 lbs. butter, 15.70; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; for Christmas presents, 8.65; Spellman, Orton & Spitley, meal, lime and cement, 3.40; J. C. Lewellyn, Christmas goods, 11.55.		
2795,	E. L. French, band lessons	353	32 00
2796,	Adam Denger, groceries and supplies	354	357 89
2797,	W. R. Humphrey, expense board meeting	355	8 50
2798,	J. W. Yantis, expense board meeting	356	7 64
2830,	Adam Denger, groceries and supplies	357	368 75
2831,	Lincoln Coal Co., brick blocks	358	4 67
2832,	Jos. Schilling, livery	359	1 50
2833,	E. D. Shackleford, harness repairs	360	2 75
2834,	J. Landauer, boys' clothing	361	10 08
2835,	Swift & Co., butterine	362	27 50
2836,	A. C. McClurg & Co., books	363	28 88
2837,	Edward Iles, repairs and castings	364	15 12
2838,	Fred C. Danner, 39 shocks fodder	365	8 00
2839,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	366	34 48
2840,	C. J. Paesler, repairing shoes	367	5 10
2841,	U. Stoll, repairing shoes	368	30 35
2842,	Robert Goebel, dentistry	369	8 63
2843,	David C. Cook Co., S. S. supplies	370	10 82
2844,	J W. Yantis, expense board meeting	380	9 98
2845,	W. R. Humphrey, expense board meeting	379	8 50
2846,	Geo. J. Brockett, 16 pairs shoes	371	12 95
2847,	Wm. Wood, balance on decoration, per contract	372	90 00
2848,	Lincoln Water, Light and Power Co., light and supplies	373	37 98
2849,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for January	374	59 64
2850,	Meyer & Wenthe, 1 door-plate	375	4 00
2851,	Chas. C. Reed, school supplies	376	17 35

2852, L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for January.....377 $359 33
2853, L. L. Morrison, contingent expense paid 378 83 22
Thos. H. Stokes (postmaster), rent of box 3 months, 60 cents; Subscription to Orange Judd Farmer (with premiums), $1.75; American Express Co., service for December, 2.95: Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00: Western Union Tel. Co., service for December, 90 cents; Thos. H. Stokes (postmaster), stamps, 5.00; J. H. Rhodes, Chicago paper 3 months, 1.00; U. S. Express Co., service for December, 75 cents; Leonard Miller, dry goods (check given Oct. 26th), 2.82; J. O. Lewellyn, combs (check given Oct. 19th), 30 cents; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; C. & A., freight (books), 25 cents; Central Union Tel., service 3 months and toll, 3.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; Leonard Miller, one dozen girls' hose and 1 cloak, 4.35; Mary Reynolds, cook (discharged), 9.00: Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5 00; Armour Packing Co., butterine (bill of Nov. 27th), 12.80; Friend & Son, repairing horn, 25 cents; F. K. Cramer, 15 cooking utensils, 2.50; Lizzie Conners (discharged), 10.00: Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00.
2865, L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for February 381 392 33
2866, L. L. Morrison, contingent expense account paid.....382 47 47
Thos. B. Stokes, postmaster, stamps, 5.00; American Express Co., 90 cents; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; C. & A. freight agent, freight on bedsteads, 2.45; Central Tel. Co., toll for January, 1.00; Kate Downey, 10 days' service, 4.00; J. Hampden Field, making cut of Home for report, 1.80; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; Fannie Barr, work in girls' cottage in absence of governess, 5.00: Mary E. Schriver, work in girls' cottage when without governess, 5.00: C. & A freight agent, freight on mattresses, 74 cents; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; American Express Co., 25 cents; C. & A., freight, 1.08; C. & A., freight, 25 cents; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5 00.
2867, Adam Denger, groceries..... 383 375 77
2868, J. J. Primm, corn and hay.....384 23 04
2869, Illinois State Journal, printing.....385 10 50
2870, H. M. Pernin, books.....386 10 80
2871, Layman & Richie, glass.....387 2 47
2872, A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods 388 7 50
2873, U. Stoll, repairing shoes.....389 16 20
2874, Johnson St. Cerny, 30 shocks corn.....390 7 50
2875, Chas. C. Reed, books and stationery.....391 15 03
2876, Citizens' Coal Mining Co., 410,100 lbs. coal @ $1.25...392 256 30
2877, Lloyd & Dehner, meat for February.....393 66 27
2878, Adam Shonnaner, hay and straw.....394 22 98
2879, Swift & Co., butterine.....395 7 50
2880, E. L. French, 14 orchestra lessons.....396 28 00
2881, George J. Brockett, shoes in February.....397 44 45
2882, Spellman, Orton & Spitley, feed and bran.....398 5 05
2883, W. R. Humphrey, expense board meeting.....399 8 50
2884, J. W. Yantis, expense board meeting.....400 9 75
2893, Layman & Ritchey, shades and fixtures.....402 15 90
2894, Adam Denger, groceries and provisions.....403 444 77
2895, Lincoln Roller Mills, feed and grain.....404 103 15

2896,	Jno. V. Farwell Co., dry goods	405	$51 04
2897,	Lincoln Water, Light and Power Co., light and water	406	123 84
2898,	C. J. Paesler, repairing shoes	407	14 95
2899,	J. Landauer, clothing	408	14 65
2900,	Swift & Co., butter	409	45 00
2901,	Meyer & Wenthe, door-plate	410	5 00
2902,	Ed. F. Hartmann, printing	411	12 00
2903,	A. L. Salmons, cow service	412	4 00
2904,	Illinois State Journal, printing	413	4 50
2905,	Studer Bros., books	414	14 00
2906,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for March	415	75 15
2907,	Sheer & Schweckert, blacksmithing	416	15 70
2908,	U. Stoll, repairing shoes	417	2 20
2909,	M. Griesheim, clothing	418	23 62
2910,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	419	13 04
2911,	A. B. Coonan, cockroach powder	420	5 00
2912,	Chas. C. Reed, school supplies	421	18 11
2913,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for March	422	385 33
2914,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense paid	423	44 53
	T. H. Stokes, postmaster, stamps, $5.00; Central Union Telephone Co., toll for February, 1.25; Western Union Telegraph Co., service for February, 1.05; M. Joseph, machine needles, 50c; B. F. Baker, 13 brooms, 2.00; Margaret Fitz Gibbons, 2 weeks in laundry, 6.00; Lincoln Mutual Tel. Co., 3 months' service, 4.50; Illinois Central R. R., freight, 71c; Mrs. Knowlton, 1½ days' washing, 1.00; P. D. & E., freight, 50c; C. & A., freight on boxes, 1.02; Delia Flynn, service one-half month, 6.00; L. L. Morrison, R. R. fare to Chicago, 5.00; Wm. Wood, to plastico work (on account), 10.00.		
2915,	Kate Troxell, board meeting	424	5 30
2916,	Esther Woods, board meeting	425	1 65
2917,	Sophia Niemeyer, board meeting	426	9 10
2918,	May D. Stone, board meeting	427	7 00
2919,	Helen Baldwin, board meeting	428	5 50
2920,	J. W. Yantis, board meeting	429	9 70
2921,	J. O. Humphrey, telegrams and telephone	430	4 92
2022,	T. B. Needles, board meeting	431	8 62
2923,	E. J. Hodgson, part payment as architect	432	90 00
2950,	Adam Denger, groceries	433	372 17
2951,	C. J. Paesler, repairing shoes	434	7 40
2952,	B. P. Andrews, lumber	435	87 95
2953,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for April	436	80 79
2954,	Lincoln Water, Light and Power Co., water, light and repairs	437	40 54
2955,	Dr. Kirkpatrick & Sons, medical service to date	438	7 75
2956,	M. Griesheim & Co., clothing	439	48 25
2957,	C. C. Reed, books and supplies	440	11 04
2958,	Geo. J. Brockett, dry goods	441	61 75
2959,	Swift & Co., butterine	442	30 00
2960,	Spellman, Orton & Spitley, feed	443	16 02
2961,	Reinhardt & Mittendorff, repairs	444	90
2962.	David C. Cook, S. S. supplies	445	10 82
2963,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	446	14 42
2964,	U. Stoll, repairing shoes	447	11 15
2965,	Lincoln Roller Mills, feed	448	13 80
2966,	Layman & Richie, glass	449	3 00
2967,	The Wasson Co., 2½ bushels clover-seed	450	6 88

2968,	Citizens Coal Mining Co., coal, March and April	451	$103 06
2969,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense paid United States Express Company, service for March, 2.90; T. H. Stokes, postmaster, stamps, 5.00: Western Union Tel. Co., service for March, 1.55: Peter Gosnell's fare to DeSoto, 5.25; J. H. Rhodes, Chicago paper 3 months, 1.50; service, 12.60; Carl Fisher, musical merchandise, 31 cents; W. S. West, tuning pianos, 5.00; C. & A., freight on books, 41c; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry, lace curtains, etc., 5.00; T. H. Stokes, postoffice box rent 3 months, 60 cents; C. & A., freight, 50 cents; J. P. Goodwin, 6 cans harness and carriage dressing, 2.00; Central Tel. Co., service one quarter, 2.50; T. H. Stokes, postmaster, stamps, 5,00; R. R. fare, Ellis Campbell, 2..00, Frank Nounzie. 4.30, 6.30; Mrs. Halberg, one-half month in laundry, 7.50.	452	63 92
2970,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for April	453	378 33
2971,	W. R. Humphrey, expense board meeting	454	8 50
2972,	E. S. Conway, expense board meeting	455	4 00
2973,	J. W. Yantis, expense board meeting	456	9 70
3003.	L. E. Vinyard, shade trees	457	44 00
3004,	Adam Denger, groceries	468	368 38
3005,	Alonzo Smith, labor	469	24 95
3006,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for May	460	70 71
3007,	W. H. Gullett & Son, plants, bulbs, etc	461	16 30
3008,	M. Reinhardt & Son, hardware and supplies	462	26 40
3009,	Swift & Co., butterine	463	15 00
3010,	Citizens Coal Co., coal for May	464	23 09
3011,	F. D. Layton, sand	465	1 70
3012,	Spellman, Orton & Spitley, hay and oats	466	27 14
3013.	B. P. Andrews, lumber	467	4 13
3014,	A. C. McClurg & Co., books (Berry souvenir)	468	15 70
3015,	Prince & Penick, board and glasses	469	53 00
3016,	H. Marshall, plumbing	470	95 48
3017,	Lincoln Water, Light and Power Co., light and water	471	30 80
3018,	H. O. Coats, cow pasture	472	14 00
3019,	M. Griesheim, clothing	473	25 60
3020,	U. Stoll, repairing shoes	474	5 55
3021,	Ervin L. Adams, repairs and castings	475	16 97
3022,	Chas. C. Reed, medicine and school supplies	476	7 52
3023,	C. J. Paesler, repairing shoes	477	8 00
3024,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	478	59 46
3025,	The Wasson Co., repairs	479	13 59
3026,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for May	480	380 93
3027,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expenses paid American Musical Co., for piano music. $1.00; Western Union Telegraph Co., service for April, 3.05; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; U. S. Express Co., service for April, 1.90; F. D. Layton, 8 loads of sand, 7.20; Central Union Tel. Co., toll for April, 1.50; Rhinehardt & Mittendorff, repairing spectacles, 50c; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; Mr. Mohn, sharpening lawn mower, 50c.	481	35 65
3028,	W. R. Humphrey, expense board meeting	482	8 50
3029,	J. W. Yantis, board meeting, postage and express	483	11 70
3030,	E. L. French, 14 band lessons	484	28 00

3031,	E. J. Hodgson, balance of 70 per cent. on plans	485	$43 00
3032,	Lincoln Roller Mills, feed	486	6 80
3033,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes, April and May	487	62 75
3046,	H. Marshall, plumbing and repairs	488	14 05
3047,	Adam Denger, groceries and supplies	489	341 93
3048,	N. O. Coats, rye cutting and pasture	490	17 85
3049,	M. Reinhardt & Sons, hardware	491	16 20
3050,	B. P. Andrews, lumber	492	23 50
3051,	Spellman, Orton & Spitley, corn and oats	493	3 75
3052,	J. Landauer, clothing	494	9 65
3053,	M. Griesheim, clothing	495	72 15
3054,	Lincoln Coal Co., brick for sidewalk	496	91 28
3055,	O. W. F. Snyder, medicine	497	4 00
3056,	J. N. Rhodes, writing paper	498	1 60
3057,	C. J. Paesler, shoe repairs	499	15 85
3058,	E. L. Adams, blacksmithing	500	3 50
3059,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat	501	63 05
3060,	Lincoln Water, Light and Power Co., water and light	502	28 45
3061,	J. J. Primm, hay and corn	503	59 81
3062,	Chas C. Reed, school supplies	504	7 65
3063,	A C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	505	29 58
3064,	Jno. V. Farwell Co., dry goods	506	9 79
3065,	E L. French, 14 band lessons	507	28 00
3066,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for June	508	373 73
3067,	Geo. J. Brockett, shoes	510	65 95
3068,	Jno. A. Simpson, estimate No. 1	511	1,105 00
3069,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense paid	509	66 46

Samuel Wallace, postmaster, stamps, $5.00; Mr. Schreiber, sun bonnets and muslin, $1.47; Plaret & Gerard, 6 doz. buttons, 60c; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, $5.00; Western Union Tel. Co., service for June, $1.40; Lincoln Mutual Tel. Co., service (3 months in advance), $4.50; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, $5.00; H. M. Pernin, subscription to "Stenographer," $1.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, $10.00; Diamond Garment Cutter, subscription, $1.50; American Musical Association, music, $1.44; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, $5 00; Arthur Watkins, R. R. fare to Chicago, $2.00; L. L. Morrison, 80 yds. ribbon for hats (bought in Chicago), $11.65; Samuel Wallace, P. M., stamps and postal cards, $5.50; Mrs. Seyfer, for laundry service, $5.00; M. Joseph, sewing machine and supplies, 40c.

3074,	Paul Smith, 72.2 bushels corn	512	23 02
3075,	Lincoln Water, Light and Power Co., water and light	513	34 22
3076,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for July	514	47 03
3077,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods, July	515	33 79
3078,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for July	516	306 33
3079,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expenses paid	517	44 50

Central Union Telephone Co., one quarter, $4.25; Western Union Telegraph Co., service for June, 1.80; First National Bank, revenue stamps, 40c; Reinhardt & Mittendorf, engraving and repairing, 80c; J. N. Sumner, Sunday school supplies, 2.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; American Express Co., service for June, 4.65; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; P. O. box rent, three months, 60c; L. L. Morrison, railroad fare for Chrissie Maring, 5.00; Samuel Wallace, P. M., stamps, 5.00; Mrs.

Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00.

3080,	B. P. Andrews, lumber for wagon-shed	518	$26 48
3081,	W. T. Athon, bull calf	519	15 00
3082,	John Kirk, Deering mower	520	25 00
3083,	Continental Clothing Co., clothing	521	4 14
3084,	Swift & Co., butter	522	22 50
3085,	Joseph Schilling, hay-rake	523	5 00
3086,	C. E. Ross, washing-machine	524	7 50
3087,	J. V. Farwell Co., dry goods	525	9 04
3088,	C. J. Paesler, repairing shoes	526	7 35
3089,	Adam Denger, groceries	527	240 48
3090,	George J. Brockett, shoes	528	23 75
3091,	M. Griesheim, clothing	529	65 45
3092,	W. R. Humphrey, board meeting	530	8 50
3093,	J. W. Yantis, board meeting	531	9 70
3094;	J. J. Primm, corn	532	12 30
3095,	J. A. Simpson, estimate No. 2	533	850 00
2885,	L. L. Morrison, railroad fare	401	5 00
3115,	Adam Denger, groceries	534	268 34
3116,	Irwin L. Adams, blacksmithing	535	1 80
3117,	Lincoln Roller Mills, feed	536	8 70
3118,	Citizens Coal Mining Co., coal	537	57 12
3119,	Wm. E. Seidel, cow	538	28 80
3120,	George J. Brockett, 30 pairs shoes	539	27 20
3121,	Swift & Co., butter	540	52 50
3122,	Chas. C. Reed, school supplies	541	15 27
3123,	H. C. Coats, pasture	542	16 80
3124,	Lincoln Light, Water and Power Co., light and repairs	543	41 50
3125,	Paul Smith, 90½ bushels oats	544	19 10
3126,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	545	12 17
3127,	M. Reinhardt & Son, hardware	546	12 79
3128,	W. H. Gullett & Sons, orchard stock	547	12 50
3129,	C. J. Paesler, repairing shoes	548	3 80
3130,	John Church & Co., song-books	549	15 00
3131,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for August	550	45 33
3132,	Peter Kutzberger, 35 acres oat straw	551	15 00
3133,	E. D. Shackleford, harness and repairs	552	8 90
3134,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for August	553	296 33
3135,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expenses paid	553	40 25

Western Union Telegraph Co., $2.69; First National Bank, revenue stamps, 1.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; U. S. Express Co., service, 1.06; two pictures and frames, 2.50: Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; Central Telephone Co., toll, 1.50; Mutual Telephone Co., service three months, 4.50; John Church Co., music, 1.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; John Underwood & Co., typewriter ribbon, 1 00; Samuel Wallace, P. M., stamps, 5.00; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00.

3136,	J. W. Yantis, board meeting, postage and express	555	11 70
3137,	W. R. Humphrey, board meeting	556	8 50
3138,	J O. Humphrey, telegrams and expense	557	5 75
3139,	J. A. Simpson, estimate No. 3	558	2,040 00
3167,	John Church Co., music	559	7 40
3168,	Lloyd & Dehner, meat for September	560	80 24
3169,	H. M. Pernin, school supplies	561	1 84
3170,	Illinois State Journal, stationery	562	8 75
3171,	L. W. Mittendorff & Co., insurance school bldg	563	60 00

3172,	Geo. J. Brockett, 29 pairs shoes	564	$34 80
3173,	A. C. Boyd & Son, dry goods	565	38 26
3174,	B. P. Andrews, lumber	566	5 40
3175,	Scheerer & Schweckert, blacksmithing	567	8 35
3176,	Swift & Co., butterine	568	45 00
3177,	Lincoln Water, Light and Power Co., water and light	569	49 65
3178,	David C. Cook Publishing Co., S. S. supplies	570	10 82
3179,	M Reinhardt & Son, hardware	571	3 80
3180,	Lincoln Roller Mills, feed	572	8 80
3181,	C. J. Paesler, repairing shoes	573	6 05
3182,	C. C. Reed, school supplies	574	105 98
3183,	A. S. Kirkpatrick & Son, medical service	575	9 70
3184,	H. O. Coats, balance on pasture in full	576	17 00
3185,	Adam Denger, groceries	577	269 47
3186,	Seibert & Wilmert, boar pig	578	7 00
3187,	Citizens' Coal Mining Co., coal for September	579	60 71
3188,	L. L. Morrison, pay-roll for September	580	366 33
3189,	L. L. Morrison, contingent expense paid.. Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, $5 00; Adolph Reinhardt, repairs, engraving and specs., 2.50; L. L. Morrison, expense Lucile Meredith to Xenia, 7 50; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; Central Telephone Co., toll for August, 25c; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00; U. S. Express Co., service for August, 1.11; Western Union Telegraph Co., service for August, 1.57; 1st National bank, revenue stamps and draft, 1.50; Mrs. Seyfer, laundry service, 5.00.	581	34 43
3190,	Layman & Ritchie, paints and oils	582	44 70
3191,	W. R. Humphrey, board meeting	583	8 50
3192,	J. W. Yantis, board meeting	584	9 70
3193,	J. A. Simpson, estimate No. 4	585	680 00
	Total Disbursements		$20,720 80
	By amount overpaid by Grand Treasurer last year		968 21
	October 20, 1898, by cash on hand to balance		5,203 65
			$26,892 66

Special Home Fund of Rebekah Lodges Working in German Language.

Dr.

1897.		
Oct. 20	To balance on hand	$451 47
Dec. 13	To cash received from Committee of Cook Co. Association balance of Fountain Fund	229 00
1898.		
Oct. 20	To interest on funds loaned	5 46
		$685 93

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1898.		
Oct. 20	By one 5 per cent. school bond on hand	$500 00
"	By U. S. Government 3 per cent. bonds on hand	180 00
"	By cash on hand to balance	5 93
		$685 93

T. B. Needles,
Grand Treasurer.

Nashville, Illinois, October 20, 1898.

Library.

The library still continues to grow, through the generosity of friends, and especially of Deputy Grand Master M. P. Berry, to whose oft-repeated donations we are indebted for the valuable collection of books at our command. We now have the pardonable pride of claiming the largest juvenile library in the state. We have upon our shelves nearly 1,700 volumes, an auxiliary of pleasure and profit to all.

The New School Building.

The new building for school purposes, ordered by the Grand Lodge at its last session, is so nearly completed that we expect to occupy it within the next month. This building also contains a room for the use of the children in devotional exercises and a room devoted to gymnasium purposes. The building has been erected wholly within the appropriation, and we regard it as one of the most advantageous contracts made by this Board.

School Work.

The educational system and methods of school work are the same as used in the public schools of Lincoln; children graduating in the Home school are allowed to enter the city high school, conditions and circumstances indicating that this is the proper thing to do. Miss Fannie Barr still continues as principal and teacher of the grammar department. Miss Mary E. Shriver has charge of the intermediate grades, formerly in charge of Miss Laura Taylor, resigned, while Miss Maud Andrus has the primary department, last year in charge of Miss Shriver.

Six of our children graduated and received diplomas from the Home school last June. Two have availed themselves of the advantages of the Lincoln high school, the remainder having sought other homes, provided by interested friends.

We have upon our school roll at this time 125 names.

Special.

Inasmuch as no extra expense would accrue from the same, stenography of the Pernin method and typewriting have been introduced into the educational department of the Home, under the supervision of Miss Waterman as teacher, who is also governess at one of the cottages. Marked success has attended the work in this department.

Three of our pupils are ready for positions, and a second class is making good progress in connection with regular school work.

Music.

Music, wherever found, is an incentive, and breathes the spirit of a better life, and all children seem to have, as it were, a vibrating,

musical organization. To those who are not thrown in daily contact with crowds of busy brains and voices, it is almost impossible to conceive of the power of music in creating the charm of contentment, and soothing to sweet peace discordant thoughts and inclinations. Under this head we would mention the proficient work still in progress under the direction of Prof. E. L. French with the Home Band.

The boys who were so advanced last year have most of them gone, but the younger class has come on, and are showing wonderful ability, and are never so happy as when engaged in practice.

Miss Hulda Peters, who has charge of the piano and vocal scholars since the resignation of Miss Rucker last year, is proving in all respects a satisfactory teacher, as our every-day music of school, home and Sunday school will demonstrate.

Moral and Religious Training.

In accordance with the principles of Odd Fellowship, the Home adopts no specific denominational teaching.

Showing due respect to the observance of the Sabbath, no unnecessary labor is performed on that day, and all children who are old enough are expected to attend divine worship, dividing the large number among the different churches in Lincoln; and, as far as practicable, children are encouraged to attend the same denominational church which their parents were accustomed to attend while living.

Wherever they go, they meet with a cordial welcome.

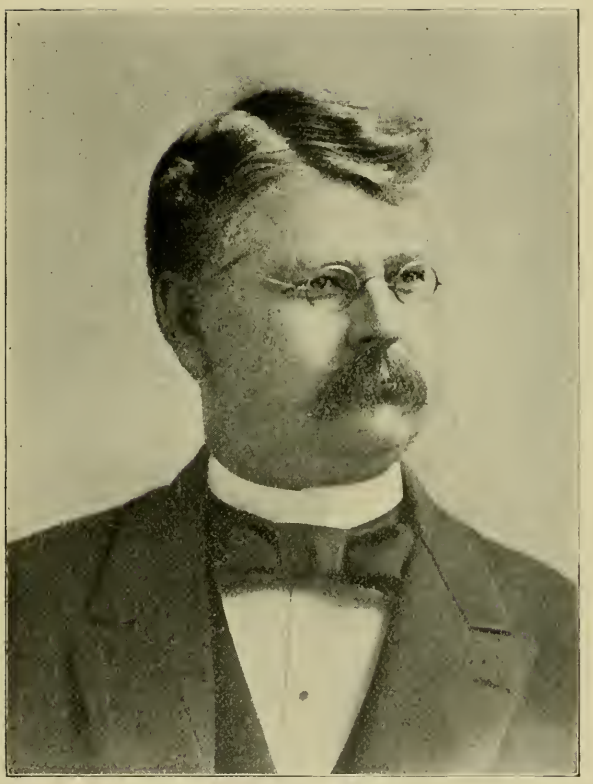
The Sunday school, held every Sunday afternoon, of late in our school-rooms, but, as we trust, in the near future in our beautiful new chapel-room, is one of the delightful accessories of the Home. To hear the loud chorus of the 140 children (for the babies try to sing too) is a feature of the Home life not soon to be forgotten.

Our superintendent, and teachers from among the different churches and best citizens of Lincoln, come to our assistance the year round, through sun and snow, and the interest shown by them has a broad helpfulness and encouragement for all the Home family, and an invaluable service in the saving, educating and ennobling of the children bereft of paternal care.

Industrial.

One of the strongest tenets of the Home is the necessity of the children being taught along the lines of an every-day life of industry, and one of the important duties of superintendent, teacher and governess is to inspire in the mind of the child ideas of self-reliance and independence.

There is a great work to be done before the boy or girl is equipped to make a proper start on the journey of life, and the chief labor lies



J. R. Kewley

Grand Warden.

in the direction of the intellect and in moral training and discipline. To this end, the children are taught at an early age to feel that some labor is expected of them, and that they hold an important place in the welfare of the Home they enjoy.

Girls are taught to do housework of various kinds; sewing, mending and cooking, and some time of each day is devoted to domestic work. A system of garment-cutting has worked wonders for us during the past year, and many of our girls are able to cut and make garments for themselves.

The boys, while not provided with the variety of work that might be serviceable, are of great help in the garden and the care of the stock, as well as the heavier work of the house; withal, the boys can vie with the girls in making a good-looking bed or setting and clearing the table.

Health.

If there is one thing more than another which becomes us to recognize with deepest gratitude the kind Providence that has been over us, not only for the year just passed, but for all the years of the Home's existence, it is the exceptional health of the children; and while we recognize the sanitary conditions and habits as having much to do with good results, we can but feel that a power divine watches over and protects us in a special manner.

The annual report of our Home physicians, which is herewith appended, will be read with interest:

LINCOLN, ILL., Oct. 31st, 1898.

To the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN—We hereby submit to your honorable Board our report for medical and surgical attendance during the year ending October 31st, 1898.

No. of visits during the year, eight.

Two cases of minor surgery.

Prescriptions gotten during the year, mostly for chronic diseases in children lately entering the Home:

Total amount of bill	$29 25
Discount	9 80
Net	$19 45

There has been no sickness at any time requiring more than one visit. Only two slight accidents, as above mentioned. Taking into account the number of children and the physical condition of some when received, we think the record is phenomenal. We can only ac-

count for it in the perfect management and strict sanitary rules as practiced there. In nearly every instance the health and character of the child improves after being there a short time.

Respectfully submitted.

DRS. A. S. & W. T. KIRKPATRICK.

The Needs of the Future.

The wants of the Home in the way of permanent improvements have been met in so large a measure that we now feel able to say that when sufficient accommodations have been furnished for doing the baking and laundry work of the Home, that practically no further improvement will need be made for many years to come.

When Brother Mansfield was Grand Master, he reported to this Grand Body recommending the erection of a separate building for laundry purposes, and the Grand Lodge approved such recommendation; but we have never been able to make this improvement out of the appropriation set apart for our use. The time has now come when ample and permanent facilities for doing the laundry work and baking should be provided, and we are of opinion that such accommodations could, with economy, be placed under one roof. We respectfully recommend that an appropriation of $20,000 be made for the use of the Home for the ensuing year.

Acknowledgment.

It gives us great pleasure to acknowledge the same loyalty and support from the membership of the Order during the past year that in preceding years has been extended to the Home.

As will be seen from acknowledgements of donations of cash and clothing received, the great heart of Odd Fellowship still swells with generous sympathy and love for the children of our deceased Brothers and Sisters. Among other benefactors to whom we are greatly indebted is Sister Sophia Niemeyer, of Sophia Rebekah Lodge, No. 96, through whose beneficence we have the beautiful memorial window that ornaments the new auditorium room of the new school-building. This is a magnificent production of art, portraying "Christ blessing little children." There is no more beautiful window in the state.

To the Cook County Odd Fellows' Picnic and Anniversary Organization we desire to make grateful acknowledgment of their generous spirit and continued interest in the physical and moral training of the children, as evidenced by its unanimous offer to furnish the gymnasium and chapel at a cost of about $1,000. This generous proposition was accepted by the Board, and we hope, in a short time, to have the same completed, both of them being located in our new school-building.

We would also acknowledge the many favors received from the Fraternal papers of this jurisdiction, "The Odd Fellows' Herald" of Springfield, and "The Illinois Odd Fellow" of Chicago, not forgetting "The Rebekah World," also of Chicago. The great principles of Odd Fellowship are scattered broadcast by all these papers, and the good and welfare of our Home greatly aided.

The ladies of the Advisory Board have exercised a happy and beneficent influence over the children of the Home, and their counsel and advice has been helpful to us in the carrying out of our duties.

In Memoriam.

As we draw our report to a close, there steals o'er our hearts the precious memory of the sainted Brother and Sister whose cheerful faces greet us no more; whose voices mingle no more in councils of wisdom and truth: whose willing hands and hearts minister no longer in deeds of charity and love to orphan children.

During the past year there have gone to the higher life two of the most efficient workers, two of the most loving friends the Orphans' Home has ever known. Brother W. H. Crocker and Sister Maria A. Spalding have been identified with the work of the Home from its incipiency, and until within a short time of their death were members of the Board of Directors, Brother Crocker filling the office of Secretary.

Ever remembered by those whose good fortune it was to be associated with them in life, they have gone to that rest which awaits those who have left to the world a memory hallowed with Christian graces.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. O. Humphrey,
J. W. Yantis,
T. B. Needles,
W. R. Humphrey,
Geo. C. Rankin,
Directors.

OLD FOLKS' HOME REPORT.

MATTOON, ILL., Oct. 31, 1898.

Hon. Cicero J. Lindly, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, State of Illinois:

The Trustees of the I. O. O. F. Old Folks' Home, in obedience to the requirements of the Grand Lodge, present this, their first annual report, for the year ending November 1, 1898.

On December 17, 1897, the members of this Board, in response to the call of Chairman C. F. Mansfield, convened in the city of Mattoon, all members being present. The following officers and committees were duly and properly created for the official year:

Chairman, C. F. Mansfield; Secretary, C. M. Lytle; Committee on Grounds and Buildings, C. F. Mansfield, W. R. Jewell and C. M. Lytle; Committee on Rules and Regulations, J. H. Raible, W. R. Jewell, Henry A. Stone, and Mrs. Jennie A. Ticknor of the Advisory Members:

After disposing of such routine matters as were presented to the Board, much careful thought and consideration was given to the work for the coming year in establishing the Home. Architect E. J. Hodgson was called into the meeting for the purpose of counseling with us, and, as the result of such, he was directed to prepare plans and specifications for the Central or Administration Building, the same to be ready for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

Regular meeting of the Board convened at Mattoon February 4, 1898, all members present except W. R. Jewell, who was detained at home on account of sickness. In compliance with the request of the Board, Architect Hodgson presented a very complete set of plans, and specifications accompanying the same, which, after having been fully discussed and carefully considered by the members of the Board, were unanimously adopted, and the architect and secretary were directed to co-operate in advertising for bids for the proposed work, same to close April 1, 1898, and to be opened at a full meeting of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Members, to be held April 5.

On April 5th the Trustees and Advisory Members convened in Mattoon, all members being present. In addition, Grand Master Lindly, Grand Representative Humphrey, and others of the Fraternity were with us. Brothers Stone, Raible and Lytle were named as a special committee for the purpose of opening and registering the bids

received by the secretary. This committee reported the examination of forty-eight bids for the construction and finishing of the proposed building. The following were found to be the lowest responsible bids:

Bullard & Cope, on general construction	$17,665 00
R. G. Capen & Son, plumbing and heating	2,333 00
	$19,988 00

It was estimated the available fund at the disposal of the Trustees was about $14,840.94, leaving a deficit of about $5,159.06. In order that the contract might be closed and the work commenced without delay, the entire Board of Trustees and Advisory Members entered into and signed the following bond:

MATTOON, ILL., April 5th, 1898.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of I. O. O. F.:
CICERO J. LINDLY, Grand Master,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Whereas, the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home have, on the part of the Grand Lodge, entered into a contract with the citizens of Mattoon to spend an amount equal to $20,000 in buildings on the land east of the city of Mattoon; and whereas, the amount in hand available is $14,840.94; and whereas, your Board of Trustees of the Old Folks' Home have this day let the contract for the main or central building of said Home, omitting the finishing of the second and third floors, and omitting the hospital; and whereas, there is a deficit of $5,159.06 to erect said building, which deficit will be raised by donation:

We, the undersigned, agree to absolve the said Grand Lodge from said amount, unless said Grand Lodge shall voluntarily agree to pay the same or any part thereof.

It is expressly understood that all donations from every one shall be sacredly applied to wipe out the deficit. Your trustees will earnestly continue to solicit funds, relying upon the generosity of the Order to complete this noble object.

(Signed)

CHAS. F. MANSFIELD,
W. R. JEWELL,
C. M. LYTLE,
JULIUS H. RAIBLE,
HENRY A. STONE,
MRS. IRENE REEVE,
MRS. CATHERINE HOEFER,
NELLIE L. HARRIS,
MRS. J. A. TICKNOR,
MRS. ETTA SPRINGER.

Copy.

Attested as correct.

C. M. LYTLE, Sec'y.

This the Grand Master accepted, and the committee on building were instructed to at once notify Bullard & Cope that their bid was accepted, and a like notice to R. G. Capen & Son. The building committee was further instructed to execute contracts with the above parties in accordance with their several bids. This was done. May 25th, 1898, the corner-stone of the I. O. O. F. Old Folks' Home was laid with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of the Grand Master, the officers of the Grand Lodge, Representatives of the Grand Encampment, the Department of Patriarchs Militant, the Rebekah Assembly, and thousands of Odd Fellows and friends of the Fraternity.

It was the original intention of the Trustees to complete the building from the basement to the second floor only, during the present year; but at the meeting of the board on September 26th the matter was fully discussed, and the finishing of the second floor was decided upon, from the fact that a large saving in the cost could be made by completing this part of the work while contractors were on the ground with material and their force of workmen. A contract was entered into with Bullard & Cope and R. G. Capon & Son to complete the entire second floor at a cost of $2,145.

On Tuesday, October 25th, the Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge assembled together in the presence of a vast concourse of the members and friends of the Order, and completed the formal work of dedicating the Old Folks' Home.

Owing to unavoidable delays, a few weeks' additional time will be required by the contractors to complete their work on the building. We feel that we may safely say that by the time of the meeting of the Grand Lodge on November 15th, the building will be turned over to your Trustees, completed from the basement to the third floor, with the full assurance upon our part that we present to the Grand Lodge one of the most substantial buildings ever erected at so comparatively small cost. It is very plain, but of an imposing appearance, calculated to convey to the observer its substantiality. It presents a northern frontage from east to west of 182 feet, three stories in height, with the exception of the dining-room and kitchen, which are but one story. The depth is 45 feet. The building is built of brick and stone, having spacious porches and verandas on the north and east. The halls are wide and roomy. The interior is finished in plain southern pine in its natural color. Floors of the same. The rooms are light, airy and well ventilated, heated by steam and arranged for both electric and gas lighting.

So far as finished under the present contracts, the Home will afford comfortable accommodation for one hundred inmates. Just 200 feet west of the building there is a beautiful grove of sturdy young maples and quite a large number of fruit trees, berries and other shrubbery.

In the erection of a building of any size, there is always more or less extras to be accounted for. In this case we feel that we have gotten along with very few. Among those we were obliged to take up after the original contract was made was the matter of additional drainage, which was a very important matter. The entire basement and all cellar-ways are perfectly tiled; a large tile crosses the grounds from the building to the stream at the southern boundary of the farm.

With this exception, the other matters are very small indeed, and the expense of the whole will not exceed $600.

We are unable at the making of this report to offer an exact statement of the finances, but from such information as we are able to obtain we are of the opinion that there is sufficient funds at the disposal of the Board to complete and pay all our contracts for this year.

The farm is in excellent condition and will produce for the year ending March 1, 1899, a cash rental of $559.36.

We have on the farm, in addition to the Home building, a good farm dwelling, a very good barn and outhouses.

We have placed on the building $11,500 fire and $5,000 tornado insurance.

The valuation of the property is as follows:

136 acres land	$12,240 00
Buildings thereon	24,000 00
	$36,240 00

The committee on rules and regulations have not, as yet, been able to complete their report to the entire satisfaction of themselves, but will be able to do so before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and will present the same for the consideration of that body at its regular session.

Your Trustees submit to you this report of their official acts and doings. The financial statement of expenses is hereto attached and made a part of this report. Your Trustees further desire to express to you, and through you to the entire membership of the Grand Jurisdiction, our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the cordial support and generous donations that have been accorded the enterprise. Every member of the Board has been faithful, conscientious and economical in the discharge of every duty devolving upon them, and most complete harmony has prevailed in all our deliberations and councils.

The Advisory Board have rendered valuable aid, and have willingly and cheerfully assisted us when called upon to do so.

We expect to open the doors of the Old Folks' Home on January 1st, 1899, to receive those who are entitled to our care and protection. We feel that when this is done the Odd Fellows of Illinois will each and every one have reason to feel proud of the work that has been accomplished.

We would recommend that, for the proper furnishing of the Home for occupancy, a special fund of $1,500, or such part thereof as may be necessary, be set aside from the funds of the Grand Lodge and placed at the disposal of your Trustees for that particular purpose.

Fraternally submitted, in F. L. and T.

CHARLES F. MANSFIELD,
W. R. JEWELL,
JULIUS H. RAIBLE,
HENRY A. STONE,
CHARLES M. LYTLE,
The Board of Trustees I. O. O. F. Old Folks' Home.

MRS. NELLIE L. HARRIS,
MRS. IRENE REEVE,
MRS. JENNIE A. TICKNOR,
MRS. CATHERINE HOEFER,
MRS. ETTA M. SPRINGER,
The Advisory Members of the I. O. O. F. Old Folks' Home.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT. EXHIBIT NO. 1.

From Dec. 23d, 1897, to Oct. 1st, 1898.

Bullard & Cope, on general contract	$15,336 40
Capen & Son, on general contract	1,530 00
E. J. Hodgson, superintending architect	312 02
Matton Tile Co., for tile	114 42
For ditching and laying tile	163 50
Advertising, printing, postage, telegrams, etc.	130 23
Insurance	198 00
Surveying	80 00
Stones for boundry lines and labor	5 70
Extending abstract	2 00
Lumber repairs and lumber	31 98
Sundry expenses	23 50
All expense of Trustees and Advisory Members for all meetings	143 50
Contingent fund	250 00
	$18,221 25

EXPENSE ACCOUNT. EXHIBIT NO. 2.

1897		
Dec. 23	W. R. Jewell, balance on account for Oct. meeting.	$ 7 02
	E. J. Hodgson, architect, sundry expenses	10 59
	Peoria Herald, for advertising	3 00
	Bloomington Pantagraph, for advertising	4 85
	Chicago Times-Herald, for advertising	28 00
	Decatur Republican, for advertising	3 00
	J. H. Clark, for insurance	18 00
	Henry A. Stone, expense Trustee Meeting	2 50
	J. H. Raible, " " "	3 25
	W. R. Jewell, " " "	3 00
	C. M. Lytle, " " "	2 75
	C. F. Mansfield, " " "	7 00
1898		
Feb. 4	John Aubert, for surveying	74 00
	C. M. Lytle, for printing	3 50
	Danville News, for printing and advertising	7 45
	J. R. Miller, General Secretary, issuing circulars	24 31
	J. H. Raible, expense Trustee Meeting	2 00
	Henry A. Stone, " " "	3 00
	C. F. Mansfield, " " "	3 00
	C. M. Lytle, " " "	2 50
Apr. 5	Clark & Co., extending abstract	2 00
	Alton Telegraph, for advertising	7 50
	Alton Democrat, "	7 50
	Danville News, "	7 00
	Decatur Republican "	3 00
Apr. 5	Sinsabaugh & Co., livery	4 50
	Cathrine Hoefer, expense, meeting	3 50
	Irene Reeve, " "	3 50
	Jennie A. Ticknor, " "	3 50
	Nellie L. Harris, " "	3 75
	Etta L. Springer, " "	3 50
	J. H. Raible, " "	4 00
	W. R. Jewell, " "	2 75
	Henry A. Stone, " "	4 00
	C. M. Lytle, " "	4 00
	C. F. Mansfield, expense, Trustees' Meeting, trans., telegraph, labor, etc.	13 00
Apr. 26	C. M. Lytle, on account Contingent Fund	250 00
May 25	Hugh Mills, for tiling on farm	93 50
	" " " "	70 00
	C. A. Loomis, for surveying for tile.	6 00
	Frank P. Coppage, services and music furnished at laying of corner-stone	15 00
	Bullard and Cope, contractors, estimate No. 1	3,825 00
	E. J. Hodgson, superintending architect	67 50
	Etta L. Springer, expense of meeting	4 00
	Catherine Hoefer, " "	4 00
	Nellie L. Harris, " "	4 00
	Jennie A. Ticknor, " "	4 00
	Irene Reeve, " "	4 00
	J. H. Raible, " "	4 00
	Henry A. Stone, " "	4 00
	C. M. Lytle, expense of meeting	4 00
	W. R. Jewell, " "	4 00
	C. F. Mansfield, " "	4 00
June 11	Mattoon Tile Co., for tile	114 42

June 28	Bullard & Cope, contractors, estimate No. 2	$4,462 50
	E. J. Hodgson, superintending architect	78 75
	E. J. Hodgson, sundry expenses, postage, tel., etc.	5 71
	Andrews Bros., lumber for repairs	24 48
	Illinois Odd Fellow, for advertising	7 35
	Thos. Donner, for stonework	5 70
	C. M. Lytle, sundry expenses (see bill on file)	8 75
	J. H. Raible, expense of meeting	2 50
	C. M. Lytle, " "	2 00
	C. F. Mansfield, " "	3 50
July 26	W. F. Pentill, for advertising	3 00
	Bullard & Cope, contractors, estimate No. 3	2,152 20
	Capen & Son, " " 1	472 60
	E. J. Hodgson, superintending architect	46 32
	J. H. Raible, expense of meeting	2 50
	H. A. Stone, " "	2 00
	C. M. Lytle, " "	3 50
Aug. 30	Bullard & Cope, contractors, estimate No. 4	2,156 00
	Capen & Son, " " 2	377 40
	E. J. Hodgson, superintending architect	44 70
	Spitler, Noble & Co., for insurance	75 00
	J. J. Beall, " "	75 00
	Henry A. Stone, expense of meeting	3 50
	C. F. Mansfield, " "	1 50
	C. M. Lytle, " "	3 00
	Grand Master Lindly, " "	2 00
	Mrs. Jennie Ticknor, " "	3 50
Sept. 27	Bullard & Cope, on general contract estimate No. 5	2,640 70
	Capen & Son, on contract estimate No. 3	680 00
	E. J. Hodgson, superintending architect	58 45
	Spitler, Noble & Co., for insurance	30 00
	J. M. Reed, for serving 112 notices	5 00
	W. R. Jewell, expense of meeting	2 50
	J. H. Raible, " "	2 50
	C. F. Mansfield, " "	2 50
	C. M. Lytle, " "	3 50
	Total	$18,221 25

Voucher for $250 drawn on April 26, 1898, and placed in the hands of the Secretary to be used as a contingent fund, remains whole and unexpended.

Fraternally submitted.

C. M. Lytle,

Secretary.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

In obedience to the requirements of our laws and for the purpose of giving information concerning the progress of the Order as related to the official acts of the Grand Secretary, I present to you at the close of another year my Annual Report.

For the second time in the recent history of the Order in Illinois, the annual report shows a decrease in Subordinate Lodge membership. The records for the year ending March 31, 1898, show a loss in Subordinate Lodge membership of 497, and a gain in Rebekah Lodge membership of 680. This contrast in results in these two branches of the Order is suggestive of the facts that the financial burdens of the Order fall more heavily on the Subordinate Lodges, and that the business depression, with the largest per-capita tax ever levied on the Subordinate Lodges, caused the dropping of 3,923 members who fell behind in their dues, which could not be overcome by the additions. The figures showing an apparent decline in Lodge interest must not be taken as a true index to the spirit and work of the Order in our State. Never in the history of the Order has there been demonstrated in practical benevolence such self-sacrificing devotion and personal loyalty to the noble purposes of the Order as during the last year. One hundred and fifty-five children cared for at the Orphans' Home, and a new school-building for the Orphans' Home at a cost of $8,000; $20,000 for the erection of an Old Folks' Home, including a voluntary contribution of $6,961.65 and not one dollar of indebtedness, tell a wonderful story of the strength of the Order, measured by deeds and not by numbers.

The fidelity of the Order and the zeal of the membership need no better evidence than this record of its work.

The year just closed has been one of unusual agitation and excitement concerning matters of a national character, so occupying the minds of the people, that our country's interests have demanded the first and best efforts of our population, calling many true and loyal members of our Order from their homes and Lodges to the army and navy.

While we, as a nation, have prosecuted a war with a foreign power based wholly on the cause of humanity, and while our Order has felt

the loss of many of our brave boys on sea and land, we may justly congratulate ourselves, as American citizens and Odd Fellows, that, by the bravery and patriotic devotion of these boys, the flag has not met with a single defeat, and floats to-day in triumph where it never waved before, offering peace, protection and prosperity to a people heretofore the victims of tyranny and oppression.

Organizations.

Perhaps no one thing has so retarded the growth of Odd Fellowship in Illinois as has the organization of Fraternal Life Insurance Associations. In the past few years many such organizations have sprung up, offering life insurance at unreasonably low rates. Several such companies have been organized in this city and have had wonderful growth, one of which was organized in 1895 and now has a membership of over forty thousand. Many Odd Fellows have felt it of first importance to provide life insurance for those depending upon them, and, not being able to continue membership in several organizations, have allowed themselves to be dropped from membership in Odd Fellow Lodges.

This is pre-eminently a day of organization. and all classes of society are organizing for all sorts of purposes, all of which necessarily operates, to a certain extent, against organizations which were previously in the field. I see no remedy for this, except that time will surely weed out the organizations which are not founded upon a permanent basis; and we can rest assured that among the remaining ones will be found the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The report of the Grand Master will show the number of Lodges Instituted, both Subordinate and Rebekah, the number of Lodges Consolidated, and the number of Lodges Closed or Removed, and the Losses by Fire.

The following is a summary of the returns of the Subordinate Lodges for the year ending March 31, 1898, and for the Rebekah Lodges for the year ending December 31, 1897:

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Term ending March 31, 1898.

Number of Lodges at last report	867
Instituted during the year	10
Surrendered charters	6
Number of Lodges March 31, 1898	871

MEMBERSHIP.

Members at last report		51,425
Initiated	3,429	
Admitted by card	642	
Reinstated	605	4,676
First total		56,101

DEDUCT.

Withdrawn by card	652	
Resigned	53	
Suspended	25	
Dropped for N. P. D.	3,923	
Expelled	87	
Deceased	433	
Second total	5,173	5,173
Members March 31, 1898		50,928
Number of Past Grands		14,050
Rejected for membership		216
Number of brothers relieved		4,934
Number of weeks' benefits paid		25,800
Number of widowed families relieved		328
Paid for relief of brothers	$88,003 86	
Paid for relief of widowed families	3,680 52	
Paid for education of orphans	610 88	
Paid for special relief	20,874 13	
Paid for burying the dead	26,009 11	
Total relief	$139,178 50	
Receipts for dues	$239,548 42	
Receipts for fees for initiations, degrees, etc	65,631 70	
Receipts for interest and rents	116,057 09	
Receipts from other sources	53,255 74	
Total revenue of Lodges	$474,492 95	
Expenditures	371,854 43	
Net worth of Lodges	1,724,849 14	

REBEKAH LODGES.

Term ending December 31, 1897.

Number of Lodges at last report	460
Instituted during the year	43
Surrendered charters	8
Number of Lodges December 31, 1897	495

MEMBERSHIP.

	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
Members per last report	9,216	13,481	22,697
Admitted during the past year	1,616	2,823	4,439
First totals	10,832	16,304	27,136

From which deduct:

	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.
Withdrawn or dropped	1,715	1,842	3,557			
Expelled	21	.....	21			
Deceased	74	107	181			
Second totals	1,810	1,949	3,759	1,810	1,949	3,759
In membership December 31, 1897				9,022	14,355	23,377

Assets last year		$21,313 66
Receipts during the year		36,305 22
Total revenue		$57,618 88
Paid for relief of members	$2,153 55	
Paid for widowed families	1,647 03	
Paid for Lodge expenses	31,509 53	
Total expenses	$35,310 11	$35,310 11
Assets December 31, 1897		$22,308 77

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge, warrants have been issued for seven Subordinate Lodges and twenty-seven Rebekah Lodges.

Grand Lodge Finances.

Some appreciation of the work and responsibility of the office of Grand Secretary for the year ending October 31, 1898, may be had from the fact that the income from all sources amounted to the unprecedented sum of $66,978.50, which is largely in excess of the amount of money handled by any other Grand Secretary in the Order in one year.

I herewith submit a summary of the receipts by me as Grand Secretary and also an itemized statement of the disbursements made by the Grand Officers upon properly-approved bills and vouchers which are on file in this office.

RECEIPTS.

Sale of Grand Lodge supplies to Lodges	$4,562 95
Charter fees less the value of supplies furnished by the G. L.	526 00
Sale of defunct property to Remembrance Lodge. No. 77	15 00
From Etna Lodge, No. 519, closed	43 70
From Baldwin Lodge, No. 797, closed	76 46
From sale of old S G. L. Journals	85
From Subordinate capitation tax for 1898	54,744 40
From special donations to the Old Folks' Home	6,961 65
From printing and postage for special sessions, etc., paid by the Grand Lodge and refunded by Lodges	47 49
	$66,978 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

H. F. Day, for assistance at session, allowed by G. L.		$30 00
N. D. Calkins, for extra work on mileage and per diem, allowed by G. L.		15 00
H. J. Reeziger, services as Grand Lodge stenographer	$20 00	
H. L. McClaren, services as typewriter during G. L. session	15 00	
Rent on typewriters, express, etc., incurred by G. L. Printing Committee	6 06	
Stenography and typewriting in preparing contracts for G. L. printing	12 00	
		53 06

M. Blumle, services as janitor of G. L		$15 00
Geo. C Rankin, expense bill, allowed by G. L		53 29
C. D. Brainard, expense of Railroad Committee, allowed by G. L.		9 75
Alonzo Ellwood, expense of Railroad Committee, allowed by G. L		5 00
F. J. Heinl, expense of Railroad Committee, allowed by G. L.		17 30
J. E. Woods, expense in building ante-room for G. L., allowed by G. L		14 95
Barkley & Lax, rent on chairs for G. L. session, allowed by G. L.		8 25
John Underfanger, hauling chairs for G. L., allowed by G. L.		12 00
R. J. Beck, Chief Janitor of State House, allowed by G. L..		40 00
H. A. Stone, for examination of Code of 1896, allowed by G. L.		42 84
J. R. Kewley, for examination of Code of 1896, allowed by G. L.		45 60
C. F. Mansfield, for examination of Code of 1896, allowed by G. L		92 54
Minority report of Trustees of Old Folks' Home, allowed by by G. L.—		
Printing 3,000 copies	$65 70	
Postage paid by the printer	34 52	
Stenographic work	27 75	
		127 97
Printing 1,200 copies of the Grand Officers' Reports for 1897, allowed by G. L		188 50
Majority report of Trustees of Old Folks' Home, allowed by G. L.—		
Printing 2,000 copies	$40 60	
Postage paid by the printer	17 00	
		57 60
Majority report of Trustees for Old Folks' Home, 1,000 extra copies		20 00
Typewriter for Grand Master, allowed by G. L		100 00
T. B. Needles, G. T., allowance by G. L. for clerk-hire		100 00
Peabody Lodge, No. 613, to reimburse this Lodge, allowed by G. L.		156 00
Etta M. Springer, Treasurer Rebekah Assembly, balance tax from Rebekah Lodges		50 80
Daily Journal of Grand Lodge, 1,200 copies, 132 pages at $1.25 per page		165 00
Grand Lodge Journal of 1897, 2,500 copies		902 50
Five cuts and five signatures for G. L. Journal		15 00
Grand Representative tax		150 00
Max Stern & Co., printing 150 copies German Journal		469 20
John P. Merlcels, translating English Journal into German..		61 20
American Bank Note Co., 200 charters from the G. L., plate deposited with them		55 00
Etta M. Springer, Treasurer Rebekah Assembly, profit of $15.64 on each of twenty-seven charter-fees received during the year 1897-'98		422 28
C. J. Lindly, G. M., salary paid him		999 96
Stenographer for Grand Master		480 00
Expenses of Grand Master for the year—		
Postage	$116 55	
Telegraphing and telephoning	5 58	
Pens, pencils, rubber bands, letter-files, etc	26 10	
Express	1 90	
		150 13
James R. Miller, Grand Secretary, salary		2,000 00
John H. Sikes, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary		1,000 00
Emma Graham, stenographer for Grand Secretary, salary		360 00

Current expenses of Grand Secretary's office—		
Express on 2,131 Grand Lodge Journals @18c.....	$383 56	
(These Journals were sent to Lodges, Representatives, members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Committees, etc.)		
Express on 948 Journals of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Lodges, Committees, etc., @14c.....	132 72	
Express, freight and drayage on all other matter handled by the Grand Secretary.....	175 66	
Postage.....	361 00	
Office rent.....	600 00	
Light and water for the year.....	37 69	
Telegraphing and telephoning and telephone rent.	54 98	
Pens, pencils, rubber bands, letter-files, typewriter-ribbons, ink, brooms, dusters, ink-stands, etc...	64 25	
Janitoring offices.....	48 00	
		1,857 86
J. Frank Grant, Secretary S. G. L., for 4,000 Cards, 601 Rituals, 2,500 Odes. 12 Degree Charts, 300 Funeral Ceremonies, 90 Books of Forms, 163 Veteran Jewels, 34 bound Journals of the S. G. L., 100 Floor-Works, 100 Grand Lodge Cards, 100 Odes with Music, 600 books of Official Certificates.....		2,747 50
Stationery of all kinds for the Grand Secretary and Grand Master, printing circular letters, printing Judiciary and Appeals Committee reports, etc. See orders on G. T. Nos. 2799, 2800, 2801, 2804, 2980, 2982, 2983, 3143, 3144 and 3145...		409 27
Expense of Special Deputies appointed by the Grand Master. See orders Nos. 2718, 2723, 2739, 2745, 2780, 2802, 2947, 2978, 2979, 3070, 3112 and 3113.....		131 00
Mileage and per diem paid to G. L. Finance Committee		175 04
Mileage and per diem paid to Judiciary and Appeals Committee.....		379 55
Mileage and per diem paid to G. L. Printing Committee....		88 50
Charles S. Thornton, for revising the Code.....		2,000 00
Calumet Book & Engraving Co., for printing 2,000 copies of the Illinois Code of 1896.....		1,794 80
Donation by Grand Master to Staunton Lodge, No. 685, for benefit of invalid member.....		25 00
Donation to Bro. R. J. Osman, at Woodstock, Ill., allowed by G. L.....		100 00
Old Folks' Home, warrants drawn on vouchers Nos. 21 to 111.		18,326 67
Orphans' Home, warrants drawn on vouchers Nos. 306 to 585.		20,720 80
Total disbursements on 492 warrants, Nos. 2712 to 3203...		$57,241 71
Mileage and per diem orders paid at session of 1897.....		14,197 96
Total disbursements for the year 1898.....		$71,439 67

Jas R. Miller

Grand Secretary.

INVENTORY OF GRAND LODGE SUPPLIES MAY 1, 1898.

	Stock on hand Nov. 1, 1897.	Bought.	Total.	Sold.	Stock on hand May 1, 1898.
Cards	2,162	2,400	4,562	2,801	1,761
Rituals	445	601	1,046	*399	647
Odes	3,553	1,000	4,553	1,208	3,345
Book of Odes	66	.....	66	22	44
Degree Charts	8	.....	8	4	4
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	751	300	1,051	86	965
White's Digest	30	.....	30	4	26
Book of Forms	32	40	72	33	39
Diplomas, Subordinate	108	.....	108	1	107
Diplomas, Rebekah	24	.....	24	.....	24
Veteran Jewels	48	50	98	69	29
Codes of 1881	2	.....	2	.....	2
Codes of 1896	.....	2,000	2,000	†762	1,238
Supplement to Code of 1881	666	.....	666	.....	666
Charters and Borders	204	.....	204	64	140
S. G. L. Journals	16	17	33	‡16	17
Floor-Work	315	100	415	61	354
Insurance Certificates	9	.....	9	1	8
Grand Lodge Cards	94	.....	94	24	70
Odes with Music	105	100	205	37	168
Petitions for Membership	6,680	.....	6,680	.....	6,680
Question Books	48	.....	48	6	42
Rebekah Codes	39	.....	39	10	29
Assembly Floor-Work	5	.....	5	.....	5
Official Certificates	9,200	40,000	49,200	30,600	18,600

*65 Rituals were sold at $2.50 and 334 at half price in exchange for old editions. Fifteen hundred copies of the Rebekah Ritual of the edition of 1897 have been received by the Grand Secretary to exchange for editions of 1896 without charge.

†The cash for 63 Codes has been previously reported to the Grand Lodge. Copies also furnished Grand Master and Committee.

‡Given to the Grand Master.

STOCK ON HAND MAY 1, 1898.

Cards	1,761	@	0.20	$352 20
Rituals	647	"	2.00	1,294 00
Odes	3,345	"	.03	100 35
Book of Odes	44	"	.50	22 00
Degree Charts	4	"	2.00	8 00
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	965	"	.20	193 00
White's Digests	26	"	2.50	65 00
Book of Forms	39	"	.75	29 25
Diplomas, Subordinate	107	"	.50	53 50
Diplomas, Rebekah	24	"	.20	4 80
Veteran Jewels	29	"	3.50	101 50
Codes of 1881	2	"	.63	1 26
Codes of 1896	1,238	"	1.99	2,463 62
Supplement to Code	666	"	.43	286 38
Charters and Borders	140	"	.25	35 00
S. G. L. Journals	17	"	1.50	25 50
Floor-Work	354	"	.30	106 20
Insurance Certificates	8	"	.50	4 00
Grand Lodge Cards	70	"	.10	7 00
Odes with Music	168	"	.08	13 44
Petitions for Membership	6,680	"	.00½	33 40
Question Books	42	"	1.00	42 00
Rebekah Codes	29	"	.05	1 45
Assembly Floor-Work	5	"	.50	2 50
Official Certificates (Books)	186	"	.80	148 80
				$5,394 15

BUSINESS STATEMENT

Of purchases and sales by Grand Secretary for six months ending May 1, 1898.

To stock on hand November 1, 1897		$2,750 57	
" bought—G. L. Supplies	$2,370 50		
" " —Code 1896	3,975 78		
		6,346 28	
By sale of Cards			$700 25
" Rituals			580 00
" Old Rituals to S. G. L. @ $1.00 each.			637 00
" Odes			60 40
" Book of Odes			14 30
" Degree Charts			9 00
" Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies.			21 50
" White's Digests			12 00
" Book of Forms			33 00
" Diplomas, Subordinate			75
" Veteran Jewels			276 00
" Codes 1896			1,300 00
" Floor-Work			24 40
" Grand Lodge Cards			24 00
" Insurance Certificates			10 00
Profit on New Charters			361 20
" Grand Lodge Journals			3 00
From Defunct Lodges			58 70
" Odes with Music			3 70
" Question Books			9 00
" Official Certificates			307 50
" Rebekah Codes			1 00
By stock on hand May 1, 1898			5,394 15
Profit on six months' business		744 00	
		$9,840 85	$9,840 85

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES IN GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE MAY 1, 1898.

1 Hall safe.
4 Tables.
5 Desks.
1 Letter-press.
22 Office chairs.
9 Pigeon-hole cases.
1 Set Grand Lodge Regalia.
1 Grand Lodge Seal.
1 Bust, "Father Wildey."
1 Letter-scales.
Linoleum, rugs and shades.
1 Typewriter, Remington No. 2.
1 Bureau.
3 Oak cases.

CASH RECEIPTS BY THE GRAND SECRETARY FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING MAY 1, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Dr.		*Cr.*	
Cards	$700 25	Remitted to Grand Treas. T. B. Needles	$31,931 14
Rituals	580 00		
Odes	60 40		
Book of Odes	14 30		
Degree Charts	9 00		
Funeral and Anniv. Cer.	21 50		
White's Digests	12 00		
Book of Forms	33 00		
Diplomas, Subordinate	75		
Veteran Jewels	276 00		
Codes 1896	1,300 00		
Floor-Works	24 40		
Grand Lodge Cards	24 00		
Insurance Certificates	10 00		
Profit on New Lodges	361 20		
Grand Lodge Journals	3 00		
From Defunct Lodges	58 70		
Odes with Music	3 70		
Question Books	9 00		
Subordinate Cap. Tax	26,291 25		
Official Certificates	307 50		
Donations to Old Folks' Home	1,805 88		
Rebekah Codes	1 00		
Printing and Postage for Special Session of G. L. refunded	24 31		
	$31,931 14		$31,931 14

INVENTORY OF GRAND LODGE SUPPLIES NOV. 1, 1898.

	Stock on hand Nov. 1, 1898.	Bought.	Total.	Sold.	On hand Nov. 1, 1898.
Cards	1,761	1,600	3,361	1,302	2,059
Rituals	647	.....	647	†64	583
Odes	3,345	1,500	4,845	901	3,944
Book of Odes	44	.....	44	8	36
Degree Charts	4	12	16	5	11
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	965	.....	965	102	863
White's Digest	26	.....	26	.....	26
Book of Forms	39	50	89	14	75
Diplomas, Subordinate	107	.....	107	12	95
Diplomas, Rebekah	24	.....	24	1	23
Veteran Jewels	29	*113	142	54	88
Codes of 1881	2	.....	2	.....	2
Codes of 1896	1,238	.....	1,238	48	1,190
Supplement to Code of 1881	666	.....	666	.....	666
Charters and Borders	140	200	340	.....	340
S. G. L. Journals	17	17	34	.....	34
Floor-Work	354	.....	354	33	321
Insurance Certificates	8	.....	8	1	7
Grand Lodge Cards	70	100	170	9	161
Odes with Music	168	.....	168	42	126
Petitions for Membership	6,680	.....	6,680	.....	6,680
Question Books	42	.....	42	3	39
Rebekah Codes	29	.....	29	8	21
Assembly Floor-Works	5	.....	5	.....	5
Official Certificates	186	200	386	215	171

*One solid gold, $20.00.

†Sold 54 @ $2.50 each, and 10 Rebekah Rituals @ $1.25 each.

STOCK ON HAND NOV. 1, 1898.

Cards	2,059	@	$0.20	$411 80
Rituals	583	"	2.00	1,166 00
Odes	3,944	"	.03	118 32
Book of Odes	36	"	.50	18 00
Degree Charts	11	"	2.00	22 00
Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies	863	"	.20	172 60
White's Digests	26	"	2.50	65 00
Book of Forms	75	"	.75	56 25
Diplomas—Subordinate	95	"	.50	47 50
" —Rebekah	23	"	.20	4 60
Veteran Jewels—Subordinate	71	"	3.50	248 50
" " —Rebekah	17	"	3.50	59 50
Codes of 1881	2	"	.63	1 26
" 1896	1,190	"	1.99	2,368 10
Supplement to Code of 1881	666	"	.43	286 38
Charters and Borders	340	"	.25	85 00
S. G. L. Journals, Bound	34	"	1.50	51 00
Floor-Work	321	"	.30	96 30
Insurance Certificates	7	"	.50	3 50
Grand Lodge Cards	161	"	.10	16 10
Odes with Music	126	"	.08	10 08
Petitions for Membership	6,680	"	.00½	33 40
Question Books	39	"	1.00	39 00
Rebekah Codes	21	"	.05	1 05
Assembly Floor-Work	5	"	.50	2 50
Official Certificates	171	"	.80	136 80
				$5,520 54

BUSINESS STATEMENT

Of purchases and sales by the Grand Secretary for six months ending November 1, 1898.

To stock on hand May 1, 1898	$5,394 15	
" " bought—Grand Lodge Supplies	1,034 00	
" " " —Charters from Charter-Plate	55 00	
By sale of Cards		$325 50
" Rituals		147 50
" Odes		45 05
" Book of Odes		5 20
" Degree Charts		11 25
" Funeral and Anniversary Ceremonies		25 50
" Book of Forms		14 00
" Diplomas, Subordinate		7 20
" Diplomas, Rebekah		25
" Veteran Jewels		237 00
" Codes of 1896		96 00
" Floor-Works		13 20
" Grand Lodge Cards		9 00
" Insurance Certificates		10 00
Profit on Charters		164 80
By sale of Journals of Illinois		2 00
From Defunct Lodges		77 31
By sale of Odes with Music		4 20
" Question Books		4 50
" Official Certificates		215 00
" Rebekah Codes		80
By stock on hand Nov. 1, 1898		5,520 54
Profit on six months' business	452 65	
	$6,935 80	$6,935 80

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Funeral and Anniv. Cere.	25 50		
Book of Forms	14 00		
Diplomas, Subordinate	7 20		
Diplomas, Rebekah	25		
Veteran Jewels	237 00		
Codes	96 00		
Floor-Work	13 20		
Grand Lodge Cards	9 00		
Insurance Certificates	10 00		
Profit on Charters	164 80		
Journals of Illinois	2 00		
From Defunct Lodges and Sale of Property	77 31		
Odes with Music	4 20		
Question Books	4 50		
Subordinate Cap. Tax	28,453 15		
Official Certificates	215 00		
Donations to Old Folks' Home	5,155 77		
Rebekah Codes	80		
Printing and Postage for Special Sessions, etc., of G. L. refunded	23 18		
	$35,047 36		$35,047 36

*This with $1,805.88 reported on page 68 of this Journal, makes the total of $6,961.65 given on pages 77 and 82.

Petitions for Grand Lodge Cards.

The following former members of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, located at Chicago, whose charter was arrested for cause by Grand Master Rankin, have filed petitions to the Grand Lodge praying for Grand Lodge Cards:

Max Stern, William Lennox, Harris Rosenthal, E. Ressman, David Sternberg, Louis Sternberg, Samuel Steelman, P. Teshke, Henry Stenbach, Wm. F. Porch, C. Albright, Aaron Harris, Charles Landon, David Micon, Louis Rosenberg, William Theehs, Frank McDowold, L. Hantover, B. Adenberg.

Petitions for Change of Lodge Names.

Pellsville Lodge, No. 565, of Rankin, petitions for change of name to Rankin Lodge, No. 565.

Nellie Freeman Rebekah, Lodge No. 182, of Austin, petitions for change of name to Austin Rebekah Lodge, No. 182.

Veteran Jewels.

There have been purchased and presented to veteran members of the Subordinate Lodges during the year 123 jewels. It is a pleasant experience to a member who has been in constant service for 25 years to be kindly remembered by his brothers with a Veteran Jewel, the badge of worthy, faithful service.

Visitations by Grand Officers.

My experience when Grand Master, and especially since I have been your Grand Secretary, has most positively demonstrated that no work of a Grand Officer so encourages and stimulates the membership of the Lodges as do personal visits.

Could each Lodge be visited once during the year by one of our Grand Officers, I feel assured that the result would be a rich harvest of increased membership.

Realizing the value of such official visitations, Grand Master Lindly held a series or meetings in the City of Chicago, grouping the Lodges, both Subordinate and Rebekah. Two Grand Jurisdictions, by action of their Grand Lodges, have placed in the field paid agents who give all their time to visiting Lodges.

With a purpose to serve the best interests of the Order, not alone in the office, but among the membership, I have responded to many invitations coming from different portions of the state to deliver addresses to the members in their Lodge-rooms and to public gatherings, making no charge except actual expenses. As to the results of this work I shall not speak, but leave it to the considerate judgment of this Grand Lodge.

Condition of the Order.

The result of figures compiled from the semi-annual reports of the Subordinate Lodges for the term ending September 30th, 1898, shows a net loss in membership in the Subordinate Lodges of 232 members.

Considering that this period covers the summer months, in which little Lodge work is done, this loss is small, and judging by the activity which seems to prevail in the Order at the present time, we believe that the Order will show a gain in membership for the year ending next April, as it is confidently expected that the gain in membership during the winter months will more than offset the loss during the past summer season.

Weak Lodges.

Among the perplexing questions is the one—What can be done to stimulate the weak Lodges? The following figures show that there are 126 Subordinate Lodges in Illinois working with a membership of 25 members or less. There are two Lodges working with a membership of 6 members, three with 7, two with 8, two with 9, six with 10, three with 11, three with 12, five with 13, four with 14, four with 15, seven with 16, four with 17, nine with 18, seven with 19, nine with 20, nine with 21, ten with 22, seven with 23, twelve with 24, and eighteen with 25 members.

These figures present a condition that loudly calls for missionary work. The communities in which a large majority of these Lodges are located are favorable to the principles of the Order, and possess sufficient population to strengthen and build up these Lodges.

I would suggest to the incoming Grand Master that, in the selection of the Deputy for these weak Lodges, he impose a condition that these Lodges be either increased in membership, consolidated, or closed.

Biennial Sessions of the Grand Lodge.

We have in Illinois a Subordinate Lodge membership of 50,928. The following three items of expense amount to $53,245.43, or more than one dollar for each member in Illinois. Mileage and per diem of last session of the Grand Lodge, $14,197.96; Orphans' Home, $20,720.80; Old Folks' Home, $18,326.67.

It will be seen that a capitation tax of one dollar per member would not meet these three items of expense. When we take into consideration the many other obligations which must be met, we have a condition which calls for the best judgment of the Order. If we continue under the present arrangement, the Order must stand a heavy capitation tax. There seem to be but three ways in which sufficient money can be raised to meet the obligations of the Grand Lodge without maintaining a very high capitation tax, viz: Biennial

sessions of the Grand Lodge, district representation, lowering the mileage and per diem of Representatives and committeemen. From the vote recently taken, it would seem that the Subordinate Lodges favor biennial sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Trustees of the Orphans' and Old Folks' Homes.

My business and social relations with these two important agents of the Grand Lodge have been pleasant and cordial. All bills allowed by the two Boards of Trustees are forwarded to me with an attached certificate signed by the President and Secretary of the Board and countersigned by the Grand Master. These bills and vouchers are kept on file in my office for future reference, and orders on the Grand Treasurer are drawn for the several amounts. Upon these vouchers the Grand Master and myself have drawn orders on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $18,326.67 to pay bills contracted by the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home, and the sum of $20,720.80 to pay bills contracted by the Trustees of the Orphans' Home, making a total disbursment for these two charities of the sum of $39,047.47.

Lodge Secretaries.

In the important matter of Secretaries many Lodges have not been as careful as they should have been in the selection of competent, accurate, active members to fill these responsible positions. I have been greatly annoyed by the inaccuracy of Lodge Secretaries.

It is a daily occurence to receive orders for Grand Lodge supplies without the cash accompanying the order, as required by the law. In many cases the seal of the Lodge is not attached. I frequently receive money without any instructions whatever, and am compelled to depend upon the postmark or in some other way ascertain from whence it came and for what purpose sent. In the case of the Financial Secretary, I believe him to be the most important officer in the Lodge, and by proper selections for this office, a very large per cent. of the 3,923 members dropped the past year for non-payment of dues could have been retained in the Order.

Grand Lodge Supplies.

From the report of the Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, we find that Illinois paid the S. G. L. a larger sum for Grand Lodge supplies than any other jurisdiction in the United States. This sum is unusually large for the reason that it involved a portion of the rituals which were needed to supply the Lodges with the revised edition. The amount of money paid to the S. G. L. during a year by some of the leading jurisdictions is as follows: Illinois, $3,784.00; New York, $3,185.08; Pennsylvania, $2,928.38; Massachusetts, $2,151.30, and Ohio, $2,029.50. From this statement it. will be seen that the

Lodges in Illinois have been liberal buyers of Grand Lodge supplies. While the Official Certificates answer all purposes of visitation, I have sold a large number of Visiting Cards to the Order in Illinois, a large portion of which expense, it would seem, could have been saved, had the membership been satisfied to use the Certificate. The filling of a vast number of orders for supplies constitutes no small portion of the duties of the Grand Secretary.

Judiciary and Appeals Committee.

As Secretary of the Judiciary and Appeals Committee, I report that four sessions of this committee were held, as provided by law, on the third Tuesdays of November, 1897, February, May and August of the present year. At the November session ten opinions were rendered and the by-laws from thirty-two Subordinate and eight Rebekah Lodges were acted upon. At the February session twelve opinions were rendered and the by-laws from sixty Subordinate and ten Rebekah Lodges were acted upon. At the May session nine opinions were rendered and the by-laws from forty-six Subordinate and ten Rebekah Lodges were acted upon. At the August session six opinions were rendered and the by-laws from twenty-seven Subordinate and five Rebekah Lodges acted upon,—making a total of thirty-seven opinions rendered and 198 codes of by-laws acted upon. Several cases coming in the present year's business are now under consideration by the committee. The work of the Judiciary and Appeals Committee has been thorough and conscientious, and I believe their opinions have given general satisfaction.

Rebekah Rituals.

In January I received from J. Frank Grant, Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a shipment of 1,500 Rebekah Rituals of the edition of 1897, to be exchanged without cost to the Rebekah Lodges for editions of the Rebekah Ritual of 1896.

This is the second time within the past two years that I have been called upon to supply the entire list of Rebekah Lodges in Illinois with new Rituals, which has involved considerable work on the part of this office.

Office-Rent.

Some criticism has been made on the amount of office-rent paid for the use of the Grand Secretary. The rent paid for the Grand Secretary's offices as compared with the leading Grand Jurisdictions, among which we rank, is reasonable. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania pays four times as much rent as the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The Grand Lodge of New York pays three times as much, and the Grand Lodge of California pays twice as much rent as Illinois. In some of the jurisdictions the Grand Secretary's office is in a building owned by the Order, and pays little or no rent. A few of the juris-

dictions pay rent as follows: Pennsylvania, $2,500; New York, $1,800; California, $1,200; Massachusetts, $700, and Illinois $600. The Grand Lodge was favored in the leasing of its present quarters, and is now occupying its present elegant and convenient quarters for less rent than other tenants pay. The offices have been admired by every visiting Odd Fellow from all sections of the United States, and are such as are needed and of which the Order in Illinois can be justly proud.

Grand Lodge Journal.

The Grand Lodge Journal for the session of 1897 is the largest Journal issued by any jurisdiction in the United States. Our Journals have for several years been among the largest, but the last volume was made unusually large by reason of a lengthy account of the entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which honored this jurisdiction by its presence in Springfield from September 20 to 25. The Journal of 1897 is a volume of 540 pages, and was completed and in the hands of the Representatives and Lodges in a little more than one month from the date of adjournment. In former years it required from four to six months to complete a Journal one-half the size of the Annual Journal of the present time, but the membership are now disappointed if they do not receive the completed Journal within thirty days. In order to satisfy this desire, I have, for several years, secured the services of Past Grand Secretary N. C. Nason, of Shelbyville, who takes entire charge of the compilation, proof-reading and indexing of the Journal. For this service, which requires a high degree of ability, I have paid annually $125 out of my own salary.

Daily Journal.

The custom of issuing a Daily Journal during the Grand Lodge session has been sufficiently tried, until I believe I voice the sentiment of the Grand Lodge when I say it is popular with the Representatives and should be continued. We believe it has been of great assistance to the members of the Grand Lodge, enabling them to better understand the matter before them for action, and has also been of great benefit to them in preparing and making an intelligent report of the proceedings to their respective Lodges. The printer's bill for the Daily Journal of 1897 was $165. In addition to this should be counted the expense of the stenographers, which was $35, making a total expense of $200.

Old Folks' Home Donations.

In response to the appeal for donations sent out by Grand Master Lindly to the Lodges to increase the sum on hand to a sufficient amount to warrant the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home in making a contract for a twenty-thousand-dollar building, there was contributed the generous sum of $6,961.65, being another test of the loyalty of the membership to the noblest and most sacred purposes of the Order.

Following is a list of the donations received by the Grand Secretary for the Old Folks' Home from Nov. 1st, 1897, to Nov. 1st, 1898, which have been remitted to the Grand Treasurer. A few donations have been received since Nov. 1st, 1898:

Date.		Lodge.	Amount.
1897.			
Nov.	5	Fish Hook, No. 810	$ 5 90
	16	Scott, No. 702	9 00
	16	Lake View, No. 10	21 00
Dec.	30	Ft. Dearborn, No. 214	24 60
1898.			
Jan.	5	Chicago, No. 55	8 00
	5	Mineral Springs, R. No. 352	5 50
	10	H. C. Morford, of 343	1 00
	10	Alex Frick, of 241	1 00
	10	Social Reb, No. 257	5 00
	10	Georgetown, No. 62	5 00
	12	De Pue, No. 666	6 50
	12	Taylorville, No. 413	25 00
	12	W. T. Vandeveer, of 413	1 00
	19	Lakeside, No. 450	10 00
	18	Mizpah, No. 364	5 00
	19	New Burnside, No. 625	10 00
	29	Colfax, No. 198	29 50
	29	Arminia, No, 610	7 00
	29	Nona, No 152	10 00
	31	Oregon, No 94	25 00
	31	Cook County, No. 240	100 00
Feb.	1	Centennial, No. 603	1 00
	1	Zaza Reb., No. 176	25 00
	1	Exceleior, No. 22	110 00
	1	Hermon, No. 585	25 00
	8	Illinois City, No. 229	9 81
	8	Oak Leaf Reb, No. 365	5 00
	8	Amelia Weigselbaum	25 00
	8	Vesper Reb., 172	10 00
	14	Barry, No. 336	3 25
	15	Sophia Reb., No. 96	25 00
	19	Cheltenham R, No. 367	5 00
	21	Good Will R., No. 201	10 00
	21	Chrisman, No. 541	5 00
	21	Drexel R., No. 246	10 00
	25	Metropolitan, No. 108	25 00
	25	Lacon Enc., No. 88	10 00
	25	Evaneton, No. 673	9 75
	25	Sangamon, No. 6	
	25	Springfield, No. 465	20 50
	25	Teutonia, No. 166	
March	1	Emeline R., No. 8	5 00
	1	Granite City, 852	29 85
	1	Centennial, 603	5 00
	11	Buda, 575	3 50
	11	Eintracht, 531	10 00
	11	Chas. Bramkamp	5 00
	11	Laurel R., 44	3 00
	11	Woodlawn Pk, 825	50 00
	11	Elgiva R, 194	10 00
	16	Alliance, 395	8 40
	17	Aurora, 567	5 00
	17	Williame, 779	3 75
	19	Dawn R., 169 and Scott, 702	25 00
	21	Brighton Park, 639	20 00
	21	Miriam R., 16	21 00
	21	Samaritan R., 120	2 00
	21	J H. Raible	100 00
	21	Brilliant Star R., 310	2 45
	21	Hopedale, 865	23 50
	23	Plano R., 251	5 00
April	1	Blue Bell R., 393	59 02
	7	Forsyth, 700	10 00
	7	John Ericsson, 361	10 50
	7	Manlius, 491	10 00
	8	Flora, 151, and Regina R., 184	28 05
	8	Tiskilwa R, 397	8 75
April	8	Danvers, 845	$11 00
	11	Crescent, 426; Daughtere, of Liberty R., 400	25 60
	11	Deering, 717	45 00
	11	North Fork, 245	9 00
	12	Fair R, 110	5 00
	12	Browns, 758	15 00
	12	Fort Clark, 109	7 25
	14	Jeptha, 100; Adah R., 41	34 15
	14	Danville, 69	35 60
	15	Queen City R., 363	5 00
	16	Lakeside, 450	24 00
	18	Sheridan, 662	20 00
	18	Hawthorne R., 270	13 25
	22	Chicago, 55	112 05
	22	Thawville, 816	25 00
	23	Liberty, 287; Mary R., 305	19 75
	23	Colchester, 714; Relief R., 102	50 00
	26	Hindsboro, 571	7 15
	27	Home, 416	100 00
	27	Clarksville, 713	5 00
	28	Madison, 43	7 00
	29	New Endeavor, 163	10 00
	29	Mae R., 275	5 00
	30	Lillian, 146	5 00
	30	White Oak, 667	10 00
	30	Olio, 311	5 00
	30	Badger Springs, 573	10 00
	30	Deering, 717	25 00
	30	Taylorville, 413	10 00
	30	New Philadelphia, 138	5 00
	30	Pellsville, 565	10 00
	30	Atwood, 761	5 00
	30	Westville, 661	5 00
	30	Pioneer, 70	10 00
	30	O'Fallon, 431	2 00
May	3	Scott, 702	5 00
	3	Mercy R, 72	10 00
	3	Good Samaritan, 540	20 00
	3	Falmouth, 651	5 00
	3	Norden, 699	10 00
	3	Rose Hill, 744	5 00
	3	Marble Head, 535	5 00
	3	Stanford, 677	5 00
	3	Douglas, 432	25 00
	3	Gem City, 357	5 00
	3	Upper Alton, 466	5 00
	3	Bluff, 605	5 20
	4	Sangamon, 6	10 00
	4	Odd Fellows, 783	5 00
	4	Athensville, 368	2 50
	4	Wheeler, 130	10 00
	4	Jno. G. Rogers, 745	5 00
	4	Brilliant Star R., 310	5 00
	4	Golden Rod R., 105	2 00
	4	Palmyra R, 349	5 00
	4	Calhoun, 444	5 00
	4	London, 734	5 00
	4	Monmouth, 577	5 00
	4	New Burnside, 625	5 00
	4	Essex, 721	10 00
	4	Springfield, 465	25 00
	5	Mt. Pulaski, 454	5 00
	5	Iris, 267	5 00
	5	Kewanee, 128	15 00
	5	Wataga, 598	5 00
	5	Pearl, 125	2 00
	5	Englewood Hill, 822	20 00
	5	Ideal, 824	5 00

Date.	Lodge.	Amount.
May 5	Lawrenceville, 814	$5 00
5	West Union, 773	2 00
5	Royal, 800	5 00
5	Hebron, 767	10 00
5	Cherry R., 402	1 00
5	Martha Washington R., 231	10 00
5	Paxton, 418	10 00
5	Orient, 626	21 05
5	Utica, 804	5 00
5	Koerner, 756	5 00
5	Zelma R., 183	10 00
5	Newton, 161	10 00
5	Charity Home R., 112	5 00
5	Yates City, 370	5 00
5	Memento, 44	5 00
5	Nashville, 37	5 00
5	Des Plaines, 23	10 00
5	Rantoul R., 268	5 00
5	Georgetown, 62	5 00
5	Military Tract, 145	10 00
7	Aledo, 236	5 00
7	Hampshire, 730	5 00
7	Logan, 176	10 00
7	Schiller, 200	5 00
7	Friendship, 24	5 00
7	Neponset, 560	5 00
7	Tonica, 298	10 00
7	Barry, 336	10 00
7	Clay City, 384, and Venus R., 225	11 15
7	Cheltenham, 113	10 00
7	Moses Kahn, of 113	2 00
7	H. J. Davis, of 113	1 25
7	W. Stendler, of 113	50
7	B. Kloff, of 113	50
7	W. Shumlwitz, of 113	50
7	Memento R., 125	5 00
7	Southern, 241	4 00
7	Foosland, 842	5 00
7	Middlefork, 111	5 00
7	Melvin R., 337	5 00
7	Hutten, 398	25 00
7	Anchor, 510	5 00
7	Fairfield, 32	5 00
7	Viola, 688	10 00
7	Beethoven, 474	3 00
7	Wheel Fund by Lillie Anderson, Carbondale	3 30
7	Grape Creek, 632	5 00
7	Coral, 769	4 00
7	J. B. Turner, 420	10 00
7	Myrtle R., 256	10 00
7	Principle, 76	5 00
7	Allerton, 774	2 20
7	Purity R., 81	10 00
7	Adar, 334	5 00
7	Sidell, 225	10 00
7	Marissa, 622	5 00
7	Falmouth R., 303	1 00
7	Petersburg R., 92	3 00
7	Washburn, 546	5 00
7	Olive R., 57	2 50
7	Three Links, 812	50 00
9	Grove, 257	10 00
9	New Berlin, 881	5 00
9	Floral, 647	5 00
9	Edgar, 91	50 00
9	Simon Brandenstein, of 91	5 00
9	Dwight, 513	10 00
9	Kenwood, 525	10 00
9	Star, 75	11 70
9	Buda, 575	5 00
9	Social, 140	10 00
9	Evening Star R., 21	5 00
9	Nebo, 427	5 00
9	Isabella R., 126	2 00
9	Minnehaha R., 77	5 00
May 9	Swedish Olive, 583	$50 00
9	Fairland, 791	3 70
9	Tilton, 131	5 00
9	Harmonia, 221	10 00
9	Carlinville, 350	5 00
9	Ora, 280	1 00
9	Venus, 536	5 00
9	Browning, 309	5 00
9	Highwood R., 353	5 00
9	Wauborsie, 45	20 00
9	Steuben, 321	5 00
9	Milton, 277	5 00
9	Basco, 682	5 00
9	Crescent, 426	15 00
9	Rinard, 594	5 00
9	Palermo, 646	3 20
9	Rock City, 718	5 00
9	Woodland, 649	5 00
9	Fidelia R., 278	5 00
9	Cable, 637	13 00
9	Prosperity, 728	25 00
9	Arcadia, 92	10 00
12	Mt. Carmel R., 441	5 00
12	Orphans' Home R., 9	10 00
12	Good Samaritan R., 140	5 00
12	Bethlehem R., 32	3 00
12	Oakland R., 357	5 00
12	Ruth R., 10	10 00
12	Vesta R., 29	5 00
12	Eula R., 24	5 00
12	Pontoosuc R., 506	2 50
12	Edith R., 173	10 00
12	Lucille R., 61	5 00
12	Charleston R., 66	3 00
12	Oakwood, 564	10 00
12	Hutton, 692	5 00
12	Fairland R., 338	2 50
12	East Peoria, 668	5 00
12	Wildey, 5	2 00
12	Polo, 197	10 00
12	Carnation R., 387	2 50
12	Humboldt, 286	5 00
12	Abingdon, 184	5 00
12	Howard, 218	5 00
12	Monitor, 235	15 00
12	Clayton, 312	10 00
12	Iuka, 694	5 00
12	Wm. Gray, of 694	25
12	J. F. Eddings, of 694	50
12	Suburban, 110	10 00
12	Farina, 634	3 00
12	Ashmore, 792	5 50
12	Eleroy, 247	2 00
12	Charleston, 609	10 00
12	Bethalto, 735	5 00
12	Della R., 330	5 00
12	Congress, 362	115 00
12	Decatur, 65	10 00
12	Bogota, 807	10 00
12	Fraternal, 592	5 00
12	New Chicago, 506	10 00
12	Argus, 514	10 00
12	Geneseo, 172	5 00
12	Momence, 771	3 00
12	Manufacturers, 485	20 00
12	Duane, 11	6 00
12	Carrier Mills, 874	5 00
12	Calumet, 196	10 00
12	Olympia, 477	10 00
12	Harriet Scoville R., 293	5 00
12	Mabomet, 529	5 00
12	Warren, 160	15 00
12	Members of 160	10 00
12	Gem, 572	5 00
12	Kinderhook, 757	5 00
12	Winnebago, 31	10 00
12	Avon, 223	5 00

Date	Lodge.	Amount.
May 12	Prairie State, 104	$5 00
12	Edina, 391	5 00
13	J. Ward Ellis, 447	35 75
13	La Harpe R., 195	5 00
13	Lowman, 736	10 00
13	Enterprise, 369	5 00
13	Lafayette, 657	25 00
13	Sheldon R., 19	2 00
13	Sheldon, 349	6 00
13	Tazewell, 144	10 00
13	Lily, 554	5 00
13	Spring Valley, 378	5 00
13	Johnsonville, 863	5 00
13	Kickapoo, 90	5 00
13	Bethany, 749	10 00
13	La Motte, 826	5 00
13	Englewood, 858	50 00
13	Winnesheik, 30	10 00
13	Kankakee City, 390	15 00
13	Blue Island, 327	15 00
13	Gallatin, 838	5 00
13	Silurian, 449	5 00
13	Grant Park, 867	5 00
13	Lessing and members, 326	25 50
13	Riverside, 684	5 00
13	Canton R., 245	5 00
13	Vermont, 79	5 00
13	Loyal, 601	10 00
13	South Park, 488	50 00
13	Elsah, 269	7 00
13	Yale, 790	5 00
13	Watseka R., 440	5 00
13	Ingraham, 846	3 00
13	Ucal, 608	20 00
13	Fraternity, 203	11 00
13	Waverly, 93	10 00
13	Sandwich, 212	10 00
13	Mozart, 345	5 00
13	Bridgeport, 282	5 00
13	Palm, 467	10 00
13	Oquawka R., 360	5 00
13	Cheneyville, 796	5 00
14	Lilla R., 63	44 10
14	Evergreen, 581	5 00
16	Cicero, 217	15 00
16	Catlin R., 11	5 00
16	Catlin, 538	5 00
16	Spoon River R., 409	3 00
16	Mendon, 877	5 00
16	Model, 457	2 50
16	Terre Haute, 616	25 00
16	W. H. Day R., 328	5 00
16	Biggsville, 591	2 70
16	Biggsville R., 438	1 00
16	Mariorraetta R., 347	10 00
16	Golden Rule R., 27	10 00
16	Paw Paw R., 264	2 00
16	Arthur, 742	5 00
16	Castleton, 553	5 00
16	Romine, 663	5 00
16	Germania R., 45	10 00
16	Columbia, 21	5 00
16	Veritas, 478	50 00
16	Aledo R., 290	2 00
16	Hazel R., 69	5 00
16	Kirkwood, 675	3 00
16	Victor R., (members) 385	18 15
16	Bogota R., 378	5 00
16	Lincoln, 204	10 00
16	Greenview, 423	5 00
16	Park, 645	5 00
16	Avon R., 100	5 00
16	Moss Rose R., 332	10 00
16	Greenfield, 195	5 00
16	Greenfield R., 508	1 00
16	White Oaks, R., 314	5 00
16	Effingham R., 219	10 00
May 16	Mary Burke R., 341	$5 00
16	Essex R., 79	5 00
16	Alhambra, 547	10 00
16	Thusnelda R., 43	10 00
16	Brothers, 589	5 00
17	First Scandinavian, 446	10 00
17	West Pullman, 817	25 00
17	Dew Drop R., 493	2 00
17	John Ericsson, 361	25 00
17	Sinai R., 36	50 00
17	Cameron, 786	24 25
17	Butler, 317	5 00
17	Maple Grove R., 283	5 00
17	Fish Hook, 810	5 00
17	Neilson, 25	5 00
17	Wyoming R., 333	5 00
17	Tennessee, 520	2 50
17	Burton, 612	2 00
17	Central Park, 328	10 00
17	Crawford, 124	5 00
17	Juanita R., 477	5 00
17	Members of R. 477	5 00
17	Pride of Lanark R., 445	5 00
17	Hegewisch, 766	5 00
17	Anna R., 262	5 00
17	Hebron R., 206	2 00
17	Lake City, 42	10 00
17	Rosedale R., 371	10 00
17	Helvetia, 480	25 00
17	Eddyville, 615	2 00
17	Center Point, 811	97
17	Mistletoe R., 465	5 00
17	Rainbow R., 142	2 00
17	Anchor R., 84	10 00
17	Industrial, 550	10 00
18	Teutonia, 166	10 00
18	Westville R., 327	5 00
18	Hegewisch R., 444	5 00
18	Joliet, 856	5 00
18	Hickory Grove, 230	10 00
18	Clover, 383	5 00
18	Iroquois, 74	5 00
18	Montebello, 697	3 00
18	Saunemin R., 354	5 00
18	Litta R., 412	2 50
19	LaSalle, 101	5 00
19	Salem, 123	10 00
19	Buda R., 339	5 00
19	Ottawa, 41	20 00
19	Table Grove, 726	10 00
19	Minonk, 377	5 00
19	Johanna R., 233	5 00
19	Tiskilwa R., 397	2 00
19	Wabash, 35	10 00
20	Cerro Gordo R., 137	5 00
20	Banner, 495	25 20
20	Juanita R., 477	6 05
20	Cambridge, 199	5 00
20	Genevieve R., 177	3 00
20	Herald, 777	5 00
20	Aetna R., 432	5 00
20	DeSoto, 264	5 00
20	Columbus, 84	5 00
20	York, 153	5 00
20	Ashkum, 580	10 00
20	Flora, 151	5 00
20	St Elmo R., 406	3 80
20	Arbeiter, 385	10 00
20	Hamburg, 882	2 00
20	Odin, 836	3 00
20	Pride of the Valley, 435, Golden Rule, 374, and Helvetia, 480	130 00
20	Goethe, 329	15 00
20	Chelteuham R., 367	5 00
20	E. S. Conway, G. R.	100 00
20	Violet R., 505	2 00

Jno. H. Sikes.

Asst. Grand Secretary.

Date.	Lodge.	Amount.
May 20	Freeport, 239	$15 00
20	Sarah R., 31	5 00
20	Hazel Dell, 410	5 00
20	Charter Oak, 258	5 00
20	Greenwood, 421	5 00
20	Hennepin, 118	5 00
20	Adelaide R., 211	2 00
21	Shelby, 274	14 00
21	Argenta, 720	5 00
21	Althea, 619	5 00
21	Edgiva R., 504	2 00
21	West Point, 844	12 00
21	Old Colony, 857	5 00
21	Central R., 313	3 00
21	First Swedish, 479	50 00
21	McLean, 206	5 00
21	Marietta, 523	5 00
21	Sandoval R., 52	5 00
21	Alliance, 395	5 00
21	Summit, 834	5 00
21	Armstrong, 853	11 50
21	Urania, 243	10 00
21	E. D. Rothwell, of 243	1 00
21	Wm. Clampit, of 243	1 00
21	Jos. English, of 243	1 00
21	E. A. Schoedsack, of 243	1 00
21	B. F. Wooster, of 243	1 00
21	White City, 878	5 00
21	Cosmopolitan, 299	10 00
21	Oasis R., 49	5 00
21	Rochelle R., 471	5 00
21	Danville (members), 69	66 50
21	Elkhart, 307	10 00
21	Guiding Star, 319	10 00
21	Ivy, R., 358	2 00
21	Almetta R., 156	5 00
21	Pocahontas R., 59	25 00
21	Waverly R., 104	2 50
21	Central City R., 368	5 00
21	Fountain, 396	3 00
21	Progress R., 141	5 00
21	Progress R. (members), 141	14 00
21	Farmers, 253	5 00
21	Guthrie, 368	7 40
21	Abraham Lincoln R., 85	46 00
21	J. A. Garfield (members), 698	25 00
21	Onarga R., 437	10 00
24	Calumet R., 350	5 00
24	Ella R., 56	5 00
24	Monticello, 847	5 00
24	Roxana R., 473	5 00
24	Urbana, 139	5 00
24	Edwardsville, 46	10 00
24	Naomi R., 5	3 45
24	Diamond R., 384	10 00
24	Tranquil, 193	5 00
26	Terre Haute, 616	3 00
26	Lynnville, 356	10 00
26	Florence R., 1	5 00
26	Coal Valley, 304	3 00
26	Eclipse, 404	10 00
26	Champaign, 333, and Kaulbach, 549	53 90
26	Boone, 832	5 00
26	Guardian and members, 60	25 00
26	Livingston (members), 290	15 50
26	Fairview, 120	1 00
26	Mahomet R., 417	3 00
26	Eleanor R., 335	4 00
28	Cobden R., 235	5 00
28	Parthenia R., 229	10 00
28	K. Monroe, Chicago	10 00
28	Elysian, 56	10 00
31	Elliott, 359	5 00
31	Undine, 570	5 00
31	Cabery, 316	6 25
May 31	Mt. Hope, 746	$3 00
31	Lena Lawman R., 260	2 00
31	Kansas, 633	10 30
31	Ladd, 803	5 00
31	Crawford R., 454	2 50
31	Beaucoup, 159	5 00
31	Greenfield R., 508	1 00
June 4	Mystic Star R., 291	5 00
4	Ideal R., 75	12 00
4	Goodwin R., 192	5 00
4	Siloam, 207	10 00
4	Adams R., 375	10 00
4	Altoona, R., 17	5 00
4	Joppa, 135	1 00
4	Bentley, 412	10 00
4	Saunemin, 728	10 00
4	Crossville, 748	6 50
4	Eintracht, 531	10 00
4	Columbia R., 39	1 00
4	Cooksville, 833	6 90
4	Hope, R., 15	20 00
6	Lily of Valley R., 115	5 00
6	Anna R., 262	5 00
6	Milmine, 276, Mecie R., 457	19 47
6	Bethel R., 253	5 00
6	Rising Star R., 401	10 00
6	Rockford R., 31	5 00
6	J. G. Whittier, 666	5 00
7	Olive Branch, 15	35 25
7	May Queen, R., 210	27 25
7	Olive Leaf R., 97	9 60
7	East Dubuque, 849	1 00
7	Oriental R., 272	5 53
7	South Star, 732	2 00
7	Benevolent, 227	25 00
7	Central Park R., 301	5 00
11	Memento Branch R., 155	5 00
11	Allemania, 411	10 00
11	Friendship R., 22	2 00
11	Downer's Grove, 750	5 00
11	Kirkwood R., 429	2 00
14	Lone Tree R., 497	2 00
14	Alma R., 163	10 00
14	Crystal Glen R., 254	3 00
14	Queen City, 179	5 35
14	Green Valley, 308	5 00
15	Virden, 534	5 00
15	Rock Island, 18	20 00
15	Dove, 600	22 00
16	First Swedish R., 124	10 00
15	Cuba R., 33	3 00
16	Avondale, 871	5 00
16	Alta R., 393	10 00
16	Palmyra, 348	5 00
16	Temple, 222	5 00
16	Illini, 4	20 00
18	Eleanor R., 335	6 45
18	Ransom, 741	10 00
18	Bethlehem R., 32	2 00
18	Morning Star, 489	3 00
24	J. W. Betts, of 240	1 00
24	Good Faith, 752	5 00
24	Ramsey, 438	4 00
24	Fernwood, 238	5 00
24	John Young, 322	100 00
24	Lily of West, 407	5 00
29	Beulah R., 265	5 00
29	Olive Branch, 15	50
July 5	Louisville R., 302	1 00
5	Egyptian Queen R., 324	5 00
5	Heyworth, 483	27 00
5	Ben Hur, 870	16 25
9	Cooksville, 833	1 00
13	Miller, 872	5 00
13	Fidelity, R., 25	3 25
13	Farina, R., 318	5 00
20	Sheffield, 808	9 25

Date.	Lodge.	Amount.
July 20	Tower Rock, 74	$1 00
20	Peerless, R. 422	5 00
20	Loyal R., 386	10 00
20	Minerva R., 297	2 00
20	Leah R. 232	15 00
20	Irving Park, 190	35 00
29	Clear Lake, 445	66 35
29	Florence R., 1	4 45
30	Western Star, 1	12 50
30	Germania, 2	12 50
30	Alton R., 475	12 50
30	Beatrice R., 200	1 25
30	Golden Link R., 3	100 00
30	Stone's Prairie, 759	2 50
Aug. 6	Rebekah Assembly	250 00
11	DeKalb, 155	10 00
11	Mt. Zion, 309	5 00
22	Gem R., 408	2 00
24	Ridgway, 843	5 75
30	New Excelsior R., 379	18 65
Sept. 7	Pride of the Valley, 435. Golden Rule, 374. Helvetia, 489	$41 00
7	A. Lincoln R., 85	1 00
13	St. Clair, 119	10 00
19	Fayette, 436	3 00
Oct. 7	Iroquois Enc., 81	10 00
28	Celestial, 186	40 00
31	Sophia Niemeyer, Chicago	5 00
31	W. Boyce, Casey	1 00
31	J. W. Wheatley, Cart'rv'le	3 00
31	S. W. & J. H. Ward, Murphysboro	2 00
31	C. M. Bradley, Murphysboro	1 00
31	E. Joachim, Harrisburg	3 00
31	T. E. Broad, Marion	1 00
31	Souvenir, 831	14 00
	Total	$6,961 65

The following amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution were laid over under the rules for one year:

Document No. 5, Page 263.

Resolved, That Section 10, Article VI, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby amended by adding the words: "Provided, that the Representative of no Lodge shall draw from the funds of this Grand Lodge for mileage and per diem more money than is paid in per capita tax by his said Lodge."

Document No. 6, Page 263.

Amend Section 10 of Article VI, Constitution Grand Lodge of Illinois, by adding after words "per diem," "Provided, however, no Representative shall receive an amount in excess of what his Lodge pays in per capita."

Document No. 8, Page 265.

Resolved, That in Section 1 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., wherever the word "annual" appears it be stricken out, and the word "biennial" be substituted therefor, so that the said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Section 1. The Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the Third Tuesday in November. This meeting shall be styled the Biennial Session. Special sessions shall be held on the call of the Grand Master. When in biennial or special session, fifty representative members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time until the business of the session shall have been disposed of. The Biennial Session shall be held in the City of Springfield, except when otherwise ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the representatives present. A special session shall be held at the time and place designated by the Grand Master in the call.

Resolved, That Section 2 of Article VII be amended by striking out the word "annual" wherever it appears and the word "biennial" be substituted therefor, so that when the section is amended it shall read as follows:

Section 2. At the Biennial Sessions the elective Grand Officers shall be elected, and all business requiring the attention of the Grand Lodge transacted. At a special session, no business shall be transacted excepting that for which the session was called, which business must be distinctly stated in the call.

Resolved, That in Section 2 and Section 6 of Article IV, wherever the word "annual" appears the same be stricken out and the word "biennial" substituted, so that those sections may conform to the above amended article and sections.

Document No. 45, Page 290.

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article VIII of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended by inserting after the words "at such place," in the thirteenth line of such section, the following:

And provided, further, That where there are twenty or more Lodges working in the language of a proposed Lodge, the application shall be approved with the consent of two-thirds of the twelve nearest Lodges to the location of the proposed Lodge.

Document No. 54, Page 295.

Resolved, That Section 1, Article VI, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. *Sessions.* The Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Tuesday in November. This meeting shall be styled the Regular Session. Special Sessions shall be held on the call of the Grand Master. When in regular or special session, fifty representative members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time until the business of the session shall have been disposed of. The Regular Session shall be held at the City of Springfield, except when otherise ordered by a two-thirds vote by the Grand Lodge convened in regular session. A Special Session shall be held at the time and place designated by the Grand Master in the call."

That wherever the term "Annual Session" occurs in this Constitution, shall be substituted the words "Regular Session."

Document No. 67, Page 309.

Resolved, That Section 1, Article VII, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. *Sessions.* The Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Tuesday in November. This meeting shall be styled the

Regular Session. Special Sessions shall be held on the call of the Grand Master. When in regular or special session, fifty representative members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time until the business of the session shall have been disposed of. The regular sessions shall be held at the City of Springfield, except when otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge convened in regular session. A special session shall be held at the time and place designated by the Grand Master in the call.

That wherever the term "Annual Session" occurs in this Constitution, shall be substituted the words "Regular Session."

Document No. 109, Page 338.

Article VI, Section 10. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall report the number of miles necessarily traveled by the shortest traveled route, by each Grand Officer and Representative, the number of days' attendance of same, and the amount due to each. The committee shall make its estimate by allowing four cents mileage one way and three dollars per diem.

Document No. 141, Page 357.

Resolved, That Section 5 of Article VIII of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following:

"*Provided, however*, That there shall never be appropriated from such capitation tax for any one fiscal year a sum to exceed ten (10) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, and a sum to exceed forty (40) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home."

So that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Every Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge such capitation tax as may from year to year, or by the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be determined upon. *Provided, however*, That there shall never be appropriated from such capitation tax for any one fiscal year a sum to exceed ten (10) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, and a sum to exceed forty (40) cents per capita for the maintenance and all expenses of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home."

Document No. 149, Page 361.

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out those words making Past Grands members of the Grand Lodge, the said section to then read as follows:

"This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, viz: One Representative (who must be a Past Grand in good standing

of a Lodge of this jurisdiction) from each of the Lodges of the State. providing, however, that no Representative shall be a member of the Grand Lodge until he shall have received the Grand Lodge Degree."

Document No. 173, Page 377.

Amend Section 1 of Article VI, by adding after the word "members," in the tenth line, the following, viz: "A majority of each of the above committees shall be selected from the Representatives to this Grand Lodge," so that the section as amended would read as follows, viz:

The Grand Master, at each annual session, shall, within twenty days after his installation as such, appoint the following committees;

First—On Credentials, three members:

Second—On State of the Order, five members:

Third—On Legislation, five members:

Fourth—On Finance, three members:

Fifth—On Rebekah Degree, three members:

Sixth—On Mileage and Per Diem, ten members;

Seventh—On Railroads, three members:

Eighth—On Printing, five members.

A majority of each of these committees shall be selected from the Representatives to this Grand Lodge.

Amend Section 2, Article X, by striking out all after the word "constitution" and substituting the following: "And the vote shall be taken by a call of the Lodges on the second day of the Grand Lodge sessions," so that the section as amended will read:

Section 2, Article X. Two-thirds of all votes cast shall be necessary to adopt an amendment to this Constitution, and the vote shall be taken by a call of the Lodges on the second day of the Grand Lodge sessions.

Judiciary and Appeals Committee I. O. O. F.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST SESSION.

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CASE NO. 176.

A. Low vs. Martinsville Lodge No. 134.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Sampson, of No. 440.

This is an appeal taken by four members of Martinsville Lodge, from its action in refusing to pay three weeks' sick benefits to Bro. A. Low. The grounds assigned for the appeal are:

1. That the decision of the Lodge is not in accordance with the law and the evidence.

2. That illegal votes were cast and counted.

Bro. A. Low, a member in good standing of Martinsville Lodge, presented on June 8th, 1897, a claim, in writing, for sick benefits, from February 2nd, 1897, to February 23rd, 1897.

Evidence was offered in behalf of the Brother and the Lodge, most of the evidence being taken in deposition form, both parties being represented.

From the evidence it appears that Bro. Low, who was the owner of a store in Martinsville, was taken with bleeding of the lungs, and had bleeding piles about the 2nd day of February, 1897, and that he then hired a Mr. Norris to assist him in the store. During the three weeks the sickness is claimed to have continued, Bro. Low admits he was at the store a portion of the time to attend to business that Mr. Norris could not do; that during the time he was at the store, he sometimes waited on customers, though how often this occurred, or at what time during the sickness, the record does not disclose.

He attended a public installation of the encampment on February 12th, 1897, and was around his store that day.

Bro. Low's sickness does not appear to have been reported to the Lodge until the evening of February 23rd, 1897. When some of the visiting committee called to see Bro. Low, they found him at the store, and reported him not entitled to benefits.

It further appears from the evidence, that Bro. Low's place of business was the second door from that of the Chairman of the Visiting Committee, and that Bro. Low never called upon or mentioned the fact of the sickness to him.

The physician who prescribed for the Brother does not appear to have visited him at his home, but to have called upon Bro. Low at his store. Section 1 of Article III of the By-Laws of said Lodge is as follows:

"Any Brother becoming sick shall send notice thereof, as soon as it may be possible, to some member of the Visiting Committee. No Brother living within five miles of the Lodge room shall be entitled to benefits whose case has not been reported to the Visiting Committee, unless it shall appear that he used due diligence to report himself to them, and no benefit shall be allowed for more than one week's sickness prior to such notice being sent to the Committee."

From the record it is very evident that if Bro. Low was sick, as claimed, he would, under this section of the By-Laws, be entitled to only one week's sick benefits, instead of three as claimed. See also, clause seven, Section 1493, Ill. Code, 1896.

While the evidence as to the sickness is somewhat conflicting, it appears to have been fairly taken and submitted to the Lodge for its action. It no where appears that the Lodge "acted improperly, hastily, or in a spirit unworthy of our Order." Section 1549, Ill. Code, 1896.

We therefore hold that the first ground assigned for this appeal is not sustained. As to the second assignment of error, that "illegal votes were cast and counted," it is sufficient to say that the record does not disclose any such fact (if such were the fact) and we are therefore precluded from considering that objection.

We are of the opinion that the appeal should be dismissed.

Appeal dismissed, action of Lodge sustained.

C. B. SAMPSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
Committee.

CASE NO. 177.

August Schuman vs. Paul Lodge No. 691.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

February 11th, 1897, Paul Lodge expelled August Schuman for contempt and afterwards refused to grant him a new trial.

This is an appeal from the action of the Lodge.

The record shows that on January 28, 1897, charges were preferred against the accused and read in open Lodge, the Secretary instructed to furnish the accused with a copy of the charges and cite him to appear before the Lodge on February 11th and plead to the charges.

February 10th the accused addressed the following letter to the Lodge:

"Chicago, Feb. 10th, 1897.

Dear Brothers:—Your letter citing me to appear at the Lodge on the 11th of February received. It is impossible for me to do that, as I have very sore eyes and am liable to take more cold. You state that I opened a saloon on the 4th of July. Now what has that got to do with it? My wife is attending to the saloon while I am in bed, we have to make a living. At the time we did not live in the saloon, my wife attended to the saloon so much that she hardly had time to get meals. Do as you please, whether I am a bad Brother or not.

Respectfully,

AUGUST SCHUMAN."

The foregoing letter was read before the Lodge at regular meeting February 11th.

The charges were read and on vote of the Lodge the Brother was expelled for contempt.

It appears that in June, 1897, the accused applied to the Lodge for a new trial under Section 14 of Article VIII, of the Constitution. The Lodge refused to grant a new trial.

The following errors are assigned as ground for appeal:

"1st. That he never received a copy of the charges either constructively or in fact setting out specifically the nature of the charges against him."

"2nd. That he never at any time received notice to appear for trial either directly or indirectly."

"3rd. That he has never been afforded an opportunity at any stage of the proceedings in said Lodge to defend himself against said charges if any were preferred against him."

"4th. That he has never been given an opportunity to appear for trial either by himself or by his attorney."

"5th. That said proceeedings for contempt were otherwise unlawful and contrary to the Constitution of the Subordinate Lodge. Section 14, Article VII, Grand and Sovereign Grand Lodges and the principles of the order."

"6th. The said proceedings of expulsion for contempt were contrary to the laws of the land."

"7th. That unjustice has been done him and he is fairly entitled to a new trial."

The record entirely fails to show that citation to appear and plead to the charges were served or that a copy of the charges and specifications were furnished the accused as regarded by law.

OPINION.

Section 5, Article VI, of the Constitution, provides the mode of proceedure where charges are preferred. They "shall be read in open Lodge at a regular meeting. The Secretary shall immediately furnish a copy thereof under seal of the Lodge to the member so accused, and at the same time cite said member to appear before the Lodge at the second regular meeting thereafter to plead guilty or not guilty to each of the charges and specifications, etc."

"If the Secretary is unable personally to serve a copy of the charges and citation on the accused member by reason of his permanent absence, concealment or incarceration, a copy of the citation and charges left at his usual or last known place or abode, or deposited in the mail, so directed, shall be deemed a legal notice or citation; and the Lodge may proceed with the trial as if the accused were present. The Noble Grand shall appoint consul to defend him if none appears for him." Section 6, Article VII, Constitution. Sec. 1886, Code 1896.

"The citation with the copy of the charges should be delivered to the accused in person, by the Secretary if possible." Sec. 1885, Code 1896.

"A member may be tried, that is evidence on the charges against him may be considered by the Lodge and his guilt or innocence decided by the Lodge. 1st, if copy of charges and summons to attend trial have been actually served on him and he appears, or, 2nd, if on such actual summons he makes a written defense (or is defended by his attorney) or waives defense and desires the trial to proceed in his absence, or 3rd, if he has absconded or is permanently absent or in concealment and constructive service of charges and notice have been made." Sec. 1892, Code 1896.

"But a member may not be tried (as defined above) if on actual notice he refuses to stand trial and does not appear and remain in the Lodge nor make proxy or written defense or waiver as above, in that case he may be dealt with for contempt but not on the merits of he case charged." Sec. 1892, Code 1896.

"When a party is expelled for contempt in not appearing for trial the record should by some positive evidence show that a copy of the charges were served on the accused as well as the sufficient notice of the time and place of trial and the summons of the accused to be present." Sec. 1895, Code 1896.

When charges are preferred against a Brother and he cannot be found "so that the charges preferred or notice of trial cannot be personally served upon him, the Lodge may regularly proceed with the trial upon proof of the fact showing that such personal service has been impracticable and that a copy of the charges and notice of trial has been served on the accused as provided in Sec. 1886, (Code 1896, and Sec. 6, Art. VII, Constitution) on * * * date. Provided, that such papers shall be deemed to have been served upon the Brother only from the date when the constructive service above prescribed is complete. And provided further, that in case such Brother returns within six months after the conclusion of the trial, not having appeared on such trial either in person or by counsel, and asks for a new trial the same shall be granted to him." Sec. 1896, Code 1896.

It is clear under the law that before a Lodge may proceed to expell a member for contempt it must affirmatively and clearly appear that such accused member has been personally served with a copy of the charges and specifications under the seal of the Lodge, and cited to appear and plead as the law directs. Unless the accused has been furnished with a copy of the charges and specifications under the seal of the Lodge or served as the law directs, the Lodge is without jurisdiction to proceed unless the accused shall appear by himself or counsel and thereby waive service.

The first question for solution in this case is: Was the accused legally served with a copy of the charges and citation as the law directs? In determining this question we are governed by the record. It is the duty of the Secretary to report to the Lodge fully how he served the citation and copy of the charges, etc., giving date of service. Sec. 1886, Ill. Code 1896, gives a form of return to be made by the Secretary when he can not serve them personally. Where personal service is made by the Secretary he should so certify to the Lodge. The record of the Lodge must show clearly how and where a copy of the charges and citation was served on the accused. Without such a showing the Lodge is without jurisdiction to proceed further until such service has been had. The record in this case is silent as to when or how the Secretary discharged his duty serving the citation and copy of the charges. The only intimation of service being the letter from the accused at Chicago. The law is well settled that a Lodge cannot expell for contempt unless there has been personal service of citation and a copy of the charges and specifications on the accused, and the record must affirmatively show that fact. It must appear by positive evidence that the accused had been personally served with citation and copy of charges. When personal service cannot be had on the accused, and there has been constructive service, that is by mailing, etc., it is the duty of the Lodge to proceed with the trial. The Noble Grand appointing counsel to represent the accused and then proceed with the trial the same as if the

accused were present and pleads not guilty, appointing a commissioner, taking evidence, balloting, etc., in cases of constructive service the Lodge must proceed in the regular way to try the case and convict or acquit the accused on the merits of the case, in all cases it is just as important for the record to show fully and clearly that the accused has been furnished a copy of the charges and specifications under the seal of the Lodge, as it is to show service of citation. The record before us only shows "the letter from Bro. Schuman stating that on account of sore eyes he could not attend was not accepted as a valid excuse, charges were read and on vote was expelled for contempt." This was error, it not appearing that the accused had been personally served with copy of the charges and citation. The Lodge could not expell for contempt, the action of the Lodge in that respect was illegal and void. For reasons above stated the appeal is sustained and the action of the Lodge expelling the accused for contempt is reversed and the cause remanded back to the Lodge with directions to reinstate Bro. August Schuman to membership as if he had not been expelled.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMPSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
Committee.

CASE NO. 181.

Samuel Betz vs. Blue Mound Lodge No. 595.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1898

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips, of No. 68.

This is a case on appeal from the refusal of the Lodge to allow benefits claimed to be due Bro. Betz for sickness. There seems to have been no evidence heard on the trial, so far as the record shows, except the certificates of physician in attendance, and reports of investigating committee on the claim. From the certificate of Dr. Porter, the attending physician, dated May 27th, 1897, it appears that Bro. Betz was taken sick April 15, 1897, and was sick and unable to attend to any work for three weeks, and was under the physician's care during that time. On the 30th day of September, 1897, the same physician made another certificate in which it is stated that Bro. Betz was taken sick April 15, 1897, and was under the physician's care until May 18, 1897, the last prescription being on May 18, 1897, and being a tonic. The investigating committee admit that Bro. Betz was sick for ten days. As near as we can judge the Bro. was a resident in the immediate vicinity of the Lodge, and the Lodge had all opportunity to show that Bro. Betz was not a proper person to receive benefits during the claimed illness, no such

effort has been made except the report of the investigating committee made July 29, 1897. From the record it appears that the report of the investigating committee refusing further benefits to Bro. Betz was adopted as the action of the Lodge on July 29, 1897, and the appeal was prayed from the decision of the Lodge, and appeal filed September 9, 1897. This ended the case so far as the action of the Lodge was concerned, and the Lodge had no further jurisdiction of the case. For these reasons, no certificates or affidavits or other matter concerning such claim could be heard or considered by the Lodge or by this committee presented after September 9, 1897. The case then stands upon the certificate of Dr. Porter of the date of May 27, 1897, and the report of the investigating committee, and the statement of the claimant. The physician's certificate was made immediately after the sickness, when all the matters were fresh in the minds of the party making the same, the report of the investigating committee was made some two or three months afterward. We are inclined to hold that the weight of the evidence in this case is with the claimant, Dr. Porter certifies that Bro. Betz was sick three weeks. The Lodge has paid for one week, and we hold that Bro. Betz is entitled to receive two weeks benefits in addition to the one week for which he has received payment. The appeal in this case is sustained and the Lodge is therefore ordered and directed to pay Bro. Betz the benefits for two weeks in addition to the amount already paid for one week.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
C. B. SAMPSON,
Committee.

CASE NO. 186.

Geo. C. Rankin, G. M. vs. Kossuth Lodge No. 569.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

On the 29th day of September, 1897, the Grand Master arrested the Charter of Kossuth Lodge No. 569, and on October 9th, 1897, filed with the Grand Secretary charges against said Lodge in accordance with Section 1, Article IX, Grand Lodge Constitution.

The case was heard by this committee November 16th, 1897, the action of the Grand Master was sustained and the Charter of said Lodge revoked. See Case 186, page 224, Journal 1897. On the trial of this case before this committee certain members of said Lodge entered their several pleas of not guilty, etc., under the law and asked for cards. Sec. 1, Art. IX, Subordinate Constitution. Sec. 263, Code 1896, which pro-

vides that any member of the Lodge so charged may personally or by agent appear before the committee at the time of the trial and enter a personal plea of not guilty. The committee shall hear evidence and if they find that such Brother is innocent of said offence shall enter final judgment acquitting said Brother and restore him to rights and privleges such as issuing by the Grand Secretary of a card, etc. On the trial of this case certain of the members did appear and enter their pleas of not guilty, among them Bro. David H. Stern. The committee not being satisfied as to his innocense, his case was continued to this session for further evidence in the premises.

Additional evidence has been furnished and considered. We are of opinion that in cases of this kind the burden of proof is in the Brother to establish his innocense, and considering all the evidence before us we are unable to say the Brother was not guilty of contempt, in fact the preponderance of the evidence is to the effect that the Brother was guilty of contempt of the orders of the Grand Master. It is therefore ordered that the plea of the defendant be over-ruled and a card denied.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
C. B. SAMPSON,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
Committee.

CASE NO. 191.

Remembrance Lodge No. 77 vs. Bloomington Lodge No. 400. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Sampson, of No. 440.

Bloomington Lodge presented a bill to Remembrance Lodge for expenses incurred, in a trial held, in Bloomington Lodge on a change of venue from Lodge No. 77.

The bill was as follows:

200 printed notices of trial	$1 00
Postage mailing notices	3 78
Chairs rented	1 75
Total	$6 53

Remembrance Lodge refused to pay the bill, and the matter was taken before the Grand Master, who decided that the bill was just and proper and instructed Remembrance Lodge to pay the same, and from the Grand Master's decision an appeal was taken to this committee. While the amount involved in this contention is small the principles in question are important, and we have given the question most thoughtful and careful consideration.

That a Lodge to which a change of venue is had, should not be put to any unusual expense to hear the case is not questioned; and on the other hand the Lodge from which the venue is changed should not be required to pay expenses incurred by the trial Lodge, if such expenses are not such as the law or usages of our order require to be paid out for properly conducting the trial.

We are of the opinion that Bloomington Lodge was not required by the law or usages of our order to print the circular notices of the expected trial, and mail the same to its members. The trial was to be had at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and no notice was necessary to appraise its members of the special business that was expected to come before the Lodge on the evening in question.

As the officers of the Lodge appear to have had good reasons to believe that there would be a very large attendance of members and visitors at the trial, and as it was the duty of Bloomington Lodge to provide seats for its visitors and members, we are of the opinion that the renting of the chairs was a legitimate expense incurred by Bloomington Lodge, which should be paid by Remembrance Lodge.

The claim of Bloomington Lodge for printing and postage amounting to $4.78 is therefore disallowed. The bill of $1.75 for rental of extra chairs is allowed, and Remembrance Lodge No. 77 is hereby directed to pay said sum to Bloomington Lodge No. 400.

C. B. SAMPSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
Committee.

CASE NO. 192.

James T. Wilson. vs. Noble Lodge No. 482	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session, 1897.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips, of No. 68.

The charges in this case are:

1st. That Bro. James T. Wilson wrongfully and fraudulently obtained money from Richland County, Illinois, and

2nd. That Bro. Wilson misrepresented the Lodge (Noble Lodge No. 482) in the case of Bro. R. F. Beekman to the detriment of the principles of Odd-Fellowship and especially the interests of Noble Lodge No. 482, and the following specifications are given, apparently to both charges.

Specification 1st. That Bro. James T. Wilson did on April 12, 1897, present a bill to the Board of Supervisors of Richland County, Ill., for

$35.00, swearing that the amount was justly due him and remained unpaid when he had been fully paid and settled with by Bro. C. Beekman and Noble Lodge No. 482, I. O. O. F.

Specification 2nd. That in presenting a bill to the Board of Supervisors he made it appear that Bro. R. F. Beekman was a pauper and ward of the County of Richland, Ill., and that a member of the Lodge in good standing had become a county charge to the detriment of Odd-Fellowship.

A trial was had, and as a result of such trial the Brother was expelled from the order.

Bro. Wilson appealed from the action of the Lodge, and gives these as grounds of such appeal.

1st. That the findings are not warranted by the evidence.

2nd. That the evidence fails to show that the money was obtained wrongfully and fraudulently as charged.

3rd. That the evidence fails to support the charge of misrepresentation as alleged.

4th. That the punishment inflicted is unjust and not warranted by the evidence.

The evidence in this case shows that Bro. R. F. Beekman was a member of Noble Lodge, No. 482, in good standing, and whilst such member in such good standing, was by the proper authority, adjudged to be an insane person and committed to the Insane Hospital at Anna as a private patient. That at the time of such trial, it was determined and found by the court that Bro. Beekman was not a pauper, and Cornelius Beekman was appointed as his conservator, and the required and proper bond was given as such conservator. These facts are not disputed by any one, except as to the membership in the Lodge. They all appear in the official records of Richland county, a transcript of which is in the record in this case.

The evidence further shows that Bro. J. T. Wilson was the person who took Bro. R. F. Beekman to the Insane Hospital at Anna, and that the actual expense of doing so was $14.80; that C. Beekman, the father of R. F. Beekman, and also his conservator, paid to Bro. J. T. Wilson for the said expenses the sum of $16.00, of which Bro. Wilson afterward repaid to C. Beekman the sum of $1.20. Six dollars of the money paid to Wilson came from the Lodge, being benefits due Bro. R. F. Beekman, and $10 was paid by C. Beekman, or advanced by him; that afterwards J. T. Wilson, on the 12th of April, 1897, presented a claim to Richland county, Ill., for "taking R. F. Beekman to Asylum, $35.00," and made affidavit to the same that "the services were rendered," "and the amount

claimed, to-wit, the sum of thirty-five dollars, is due and unpaid, after allowing all just credits;" and that the claim was allowed, and J. T. Wilson received the $35.00 from the county.

As to the foregoing facts, there is no dispute.

Appellant Wilson insists that he was entitled to compensation for his services in taking Bro. R. F. Beekman to the asylum, in addition to the actual expense by him paid out, and that the claim filed by him against the county was to cover these expenses and compensation for his services, and that he intended to repay the Lodge the $14.80 out of this money and retain the rest of it for such services. If this was the real motive, then it must necessarily follow that Bro. Wilson knew that the Lodge had advanced the $14.80, and was entitled to receive it from the county, provided the county was liable for the same. The facts do not bear out such a theory. The Lodge had advanced no money for this purpose; it had simply paid $6.00 benefits to Bro. R. F. Beekman, and $10.00 had been paid by Bro. C. Beekman. There is no evidence that the Lodge ever asked Bro. Wilson to regain this money, or any part of it, from any source. The action of Bro. Wilson, if it can be supported upon any theory, must be based upon the assumption that the county of Richland was indebted to the Lodge. This was never claimed by the Lodge, and here is where the Lodge insists that Wilson misrepresented the Lodge to its harm and to the detriment of the principles of our Order. The weight of the evidence is that Bro. Wilson made no claim for his services and intended to make none. It is useless to present the evidence in detail. We are of the opinion that the Lodge should be supported in its action, and the appeal dismissed, and the action of the Lodge sustained. Appeal dismissed.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMPSON,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
Committee.

CASE NO. 193.

First Swedish Lodge, No. 479, vs. A. W. Winberg.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

STATEMENT.

This is an appeal from the judgment of Home Lodge, No. 416, in the trial of the case of the First Swedish Lodge, No. 479, vs. Bro. A. W. Winberg, on a change of venue.

April 4th, 1897, the following charges were filed in First Swedish Lodge against Bro. Winberg:

"We charge that Bro. A. W. Winberg has fraudulently and illegally claimed and obtained sick benefits from this Lodge to the amount of one hundred and thirty-three dollars."

First Specification: "In that the said Bro. A. W. Winberg was, on or about the 29th day of January, 1895, found in a state of complete intoxication lying on the stairs of his home, 210 Baxter street, Chicago."

Second Specification: "In that the said Bro. A. W. Winberg, by reason of said intoxicated condition, and the inclemency of the weather, froze both his hands, and continued for a long space of time thence forward in a helpless condition, unable to do any manual labor."

Third Specification: "In that the said Brother, while in said condition, reported himself sick, entitled to benefits, about January 30th, 1895, and claiming and obtaining the same at the rate of $7.00 per week from this Lodge up to June 12th, 1895—total, $133.00."

April 28th, 1897, the accused entered his appearance before the Lodge, and plead "Not Guilty." The Noble Grand appointed and obligated a commissioner to take the evidence.

On May 26th, 1897, the evidence was all taken and filed with the Noble Grand, both parties duly notified to appear before the Noble Grand to settle objections to the evidence, etc. June 2nd, 1897, notice was given by accused that an application would be made to the Grand Master for a change of venue. The Grand Master granted the change of venue and ordered the case sent to Home Lodge, No. 416, for trial. August 2nd, 1897, the cause was heard by Home Lodge, and the accused acquitted.

A. J. Rass, et al., members of First Swedish Lodge, takes this appeal from the judgment of Home Lodge and assign the following errors as grounds for appeal:

First—"The decision of the Lodge is against the evidence."

Second—"The decision is against the law."

Third—"After the balloting commenced, one of the members on casting his ballot, in a loud voice called out, 'that there was not enough black balls in the box.' "

Fourth—"That several members voting held up a black ball in their hands, and exhibited the same boldly to those who had not yet voted."

Fifth—"That the ballot was not a secret ballot, as required."

Sixth—"That the Noble Grand denied the prosecution the right to close the case."

OPINION.

Counsel on both sides of this case have appeared before this Committee, and ably argued both the law and facts. We have carefully examined the evidence and the entire record of this case.

The first error assigned by Appellants is that "The decision of the Lodge is against the evidence."

Section 1915, Code of 1896, provides, "That the rules of evidence prevailing in the Courts of our state, should be followed, and all testimony of every character that will tend to promote fraternal justice, should be considered, and allowed due weight, but hearsay or secondary evidence should not be admitted. In a trial before a Lodge, the Lodge sits as a jury and weighs the entire evidence. The credibility of the evidence of the several witnesses should be considered by the trial Lodge, and given such weight as it is entitled to. The judgment of a Lodge should not be set aside as against the weight of the evidence, where the evidence is conflicting, unless it can be clearly seen that the findings are not warranted by the evidence, or that manifestly injustice will result. The verdict of a Lodge fairly supported by the evidence should not be set aside unless it is clearly wrong. Where the verdict of a Lodge is so far against the weight of the evidence that it can be accounted for only on the ground of prejudice or some improper motive, it should be set aside and a new trial granted; and before we would feel warranted in reversing the trial Lodge on a question of fact, we must be satisfied that the verdict of the Lodge is so clearly against the weight of the evidence as to strongly indicate prejudice or improper motive on the part of the trial Lodge."

The pith of this case is that the accused on the 29th day of January, 1895, "was in a complete state of intoxication," and that by reason of such intoxication both of his hands were badly frozen, and that the accused claimed and obtained benefits for the disability brought on by means of said intoxication.

The benefits were paid without objection in the early part of 1895. The charges were not preferred until 1897, about two years after the payment. The only evidence on the vital point in the case, that intoxication producing the disability, was that of the accused and his son. The son testifies that on the morning in question, when he came down stairs, he found his father intoxicated, and sitting in a chair by the kitchen stove, both hands badly frozen. The acccused says that on the night before, he had attended installation of officers at K. of P. Lodge, went from Lodge room to restaurant, partook of lunch, and remained there some time; did not start home until some time early in the morning; that he lived about one and a half miles from the restaurant; he had a large book to carry home and had forgotten his mittens in the

K. of P. Lodge room; it was extremely cold, about eighteen below zero, with sharp wind blowing. He arrived home about four or five o'clock in the morning, knocked at the door several times before his wife opened the door; on getting in the house he went to the kitchen, where there was a fire; in a short time, he felt pains in his hands; he then discovered that his hands were frozen; his wife then called the son. The accused testifies positively that he was not intoxicated, and did not know that his hands were frozen until they began to get warm by the fire and pained him so severely.

The evidence of the father and the son is the only direct evidence in the record as to the condition of the accused at the time. The evidence discloses the fact that at the time and since, there was bad feeling between father and son.

It further appears in evidence, that Bro. Steel, a member of the Lodge, was called in, and arrived about seven o'clock A. M., same morning. Bro. Steel testifies that when he saw the accused at about seven o'clock A. M., the accused was not intoxicated, but was sober. Considerable part of the evidence taken was unimportant, and much of it improper.

The second error assigned is not tenable. The remaining errors assigned relate to the proceedings of Home Lodge in taking the ballots. The record before us shows the proceedings and balloting to have been regular. There being nothing in the record to base the errors on.

Bro. A. J. Rass, one of the Appellants herein, files with the Grand Secretary, his affidavit. It clearly appears that no steps were taken before Home Lodge to set aside the ballot.

The law is well settled that exparte statements are not competent evidence. We can not consider exparte affidavits made by parties without notice to opposite party, so that they may appear and cross-examine if they see fit. If the record fails to show the true transactions of the Lodge, the appellants should have given Home Lodge and the accused due notice of the time and place of taking evidence to show that the record was wrong.

If the matters assigned as error, be true, then appellants should have taken proper steps before Home Lodge to set aside the ballot, and cause a new ballot to be taken according to law; failing in that, then they should have given notice to all parties in interest of the time and place they would take evidence to sustain the errors which the record failed to disclose. There is nothing properly before us to sustain the 3rd, 4th, and 5th errors assigned. The record of the Lodge being regular, there is nothing on which to base the errors but the exparte affidavit of one of the Appellants, which we cannot consider. The ruling of the Noble Grand allowing defendant to close the argument

was wrong. The prosecution should first address the Lodge in argument, then defense, then the prosecution should close the argument, being confined to matters already advanced. While the ruling of the Noble Grand was error, we no not deem the error sufficient to reverse the case.

The record shows twenty-five members voting; five voting to sustain charges and specifications, and twenty voting against. Considering the entire record and evidence, we believe the evidence sustains the action of the Lodge, and that substantial justice has been done. The appeal is therefore dismissed, and the action of the Lodge sustained.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMPSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
Committee.

CASE NO. 194.

Stephen Amon vs. North Star Lodge, No. 620.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, A. D. 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Sampson, of No. 440.

This is an appeal by Bro. Stephen Amon from the action of North Star Lodge, No. 620, in expelling him.

The record in this case shows that an open complaint was made against the Brother, and that a committee was regularly appointed which preferred two charges against him.

Charge 1 was for immoral conduct, as set forth in the following specifications, viz:

1. That he wrote an immoral letter to the wife of a Brother Odd-Fellow.

2. That he wrote said letter about July 19th, 1897.

3. That he was seen in the bed-room of the woman in question between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock P. M., July 19th, 1897.

Charge 2 was for scandalizing the Order, as set forth in two specifications.

Evidence was taken and a trial had, which resulted in a vote of not guilty of charge 2, and also of specification one under charge 1, and a vote of guilty of charge 1, as set forth in specifications two and three.

Bro. Amon has assigned the following grounds for his appeal, viz:

1st. That he did not have a fair and impartial trial.

2nd. That certain letters purported to be written by Mrs. Ella Griebsch, which was not sworn to, and which was admitted as evidence, when it should not have been.

3rd. That there was no evidence to show that he was in the bedroom of Mrs. Ella Griebsch on the night of July the 19th, 1897.

4th. That there was not evidence sufficient to sustain the charge and specification, that Bro. Amon took poison on purpose or with the intention of causing the Lodge to pay funeral or burial expenses.

The first error assigned may be dismissed with the statement that the record fails to disclose any facts on which the objection could be based.

The fourth error assigned relates wholly to charge 2, but as the Brother was not found guilty of that charge, this objection is without merit.

Specification two of charge one did not state an offence. It was in effect a part of specification one, and should have been incorporated in it. The offense, if any, consisting in writing an immoral letter, and the date it was written was merely to apprise the defendant of the particular letter to which reference was made.

There remains then for consideration, the question, whether the Brother was rightfully found guilty under specification three above set forth.

Eleven witnesses testified on behalf of the prosecution. The evidence given by seven of them related wholly to charge 2, that of one had no bearing on the case, and that of two others related to the identity of the letter claimed to have beeen written by the accused Brother, which was referred to in specifications one and two. Charge 1, and which the Lodge by its vote held not to be immoral, while only one witness (Bro. Chas. Ensminger) gave any evidence that in the least manner tended to sustain the third specification. On this point, the witness only stated what another person had told him, and he was not even positive that he had correctly understood the remark that was made to him.

The evidence of many of the witnesses for the prosecution related largely to what some other person had told them, and ought not to have been considered. Hearsay or secondary evidence should not be admitted. See Sec. 1915, Ill. Code, 1896.

This evidence, in our opinion, was wholly insufficient to sustain the third specification, especially in view of the further fact that the lady in question, in the evidence given by her, denied the allegation in the most positive terms, and this, notwithstanding the letter hereinafter referred to.

It is only fair to state that the prosecution introduced in evidence the letter last mentioned, which was written to it by the lady referred to, which tended to show that the Brother was guilty of an offense, though not the one set forth in the specification.

The admission of this letter in evidence is the second error alleged as grounds for this appeal. This letter was clearly inadmissable, and its introduction could not be otherwise than injurious to the defendant. The writer was a witness in the case.

No effort was made by either party to examine her as to the facts therein stated. The defense was not called upon to introduce any evidence relating to the charges contained therein. It was error to admit it.

In view of all the facts disclosed by the record in this case, we must hold that the evidence introduced by the prosecution was wholly insufficient to sustain the finding of the Lodge upon the third specification under charge 1.

The appeal is therefore sustained and the action of the Lodge is reversed, with directions to restore the appellant to membership in the Lodge.

Reversed and remanded with directions.

C. B. SAMPSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
Committee.

CASE NO. 199.

Amanda Townsend vs. Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 256 — Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips, of No. 68.

Sister Amanda Townsend was duly charged in her Lodge as follows: 1st. "With conduct unbecoming a Rebekah." Specification 1st. That "Sister Townsend, in violation of the laws of the Order did, on or about the 18th day of November, 1896, in her capacity as Outside Guardian, admit one Jesse Trone to the anti room, he not being a member of the Order, and therefore not being admissable to said room."

Specification 2nd. That Sister Townsend did, on or about the 2nd day of December, 1896, again admit said Jesse Trone, and was seen standing in a position unbecoming a lady and Rebekah."

Another charge was made but was afterward dismissed by the Lodge, and no attention is paid to such second charge by this committee.

Upon the trial of the case Sister Townsend entered her plea of "guilty" as to the said first specification, and of "not guilty" as to said second specification, and as a result of such trial, the Sister was acquitted of said wrong mentioned in such second specification. This left simply the charge and said first specification standing and to this Sister Townsend had entered her plea of guilty, and nothing was left for the Lodge to do except to fix the penalty. Under the situation, there is no value in speaking about the votes taken upon the second specification, and upon which much comment has been made. The Sister was expelled from the Lodge because, as Outside Guardian, she admitted into the anti-room of the Lodge, a person not authorized to enter the Lodge room whilst the Lodge is in session. The Outside Guardian is as much under an obligation to refuse admittance to a person not authorized to enter the Lodge room to the anti-room as is the Inside Quardian to refuse the same person admittance to the Lodge room whilst Lodge is in session. The proceedings of the Lodge are to be known only to the members of the same, and too little care is exercised to confine such knowledge to proper persons. In this case, work was being done in the Lodge, and the highest character of carefulness and diligence should have been exercised on the part of all the officers to do their full and complete duty. There seemed to have been in this case almost an entire disregard of all duty and obligation, and we cannot say that the Lodge went beyond its privilege to protect itself from such total disregard of its rights, by expelling the member who admits her guilt. The appeal will be dismissed. Appeal dismissed.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
C. B. SAMPSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
Committee.

CASE NO. 200.

In the matter of Geo. C. Rankin, G. M., vs. Kossuth Lodge, No. 569.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 400.

In this case Rudolph Van Hassen, Frank McDowell, Henry Steinbach, Wm. Theehs, G. Rosenburg, Adam Harris and David Micon, members of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, at the time the Charter of said Lodge was arrested, have entered their appearance in the above entitled cause and a plea of "not guilty" of the charges made against the Lodge, by the Grand Master; and petitioned this committee to grant them cards as provided in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

These appearances, pleas and petitions were filed with the committee at the February Session, 1898.

The only authority of this committee to grant the cards asked is contained in the last clause of Article IX, Grand Lodge Constitution. (See page 72, Code of 1896.)

As this committee view this law its power to grant cards is limited to the case of those Brothers, who entered their appearance and plea of "not guilty" at the time of the trial of the Lodge, on the charges preferred by the Grand Master. No provision of law is made for a hearing at any other time nor for the taking of evidence.

In the opinion of this committee where the charter of a Lodge is annuled, the status of all of its members (except those who entered their appearance under Art. IX, G. L. Constitution) is governed by Sec. 3, Art. 2, of the G. L. By-Laws, which says, "that no such certificate shall be given to a member of a suspended or expelled Lodge, unless ordered by special vote of the Grand Lodge."

It thus appears that in the case of each of the petitioning Brothers, his only recourse is to petition the Grand Lodge and obtain from it, by special vote, the relief desired.

If our view of the law is correct, this committee is without any jurisdiction in the premises and the applications of the Brothers for an order of this committee directing the Grand Secretary to issue to them cards, as if they had entered their appearance at the trial of said Lodge must be denied, for want of jurisdiction. Petition denied.

C. B. SAMPSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
Committee.

CASE NO. 201.

P. M. Cumming vs. Sparta Lodge, No. 52. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. February Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. Alfred Orendorff, of No. 465.

The material facts in this case are that Brother P. M. Cumming, on the 21st of September, 1897, was reported to his Lodge as sick. On the 28th the visiting committee reported that he was entitled to one week's sick benefit. On the 5th of October the visiting committee reported him entitled to another week's benefit, and both reports were adopted. On the 19th of October, the visiting committee made a written report denying benefits for the third week and an issue was made up, evidence taken and the Lodge refused to pay for the third week.

The claimant was afflicted with sciatic rheumatism. He was an insurance agent, engaged in soliciting business and making collections. The duties of his vocation, which from the nature of the character of insurance he was engaged in required a large amount of walking, he was unable to perform, and he employed others to do the same for him during the three weeks of his sickness. At the expiration of the three weeks he reported himself as well. During the three weeks he took some out-door exercise, and being Noble Grand of his Lodge, attended one or more meetings.

The Brother and the Lodge both are acting in good faith and wish this case decided upon its merits and the fact that the Brother was not notified that his name was dropped from the sick list is not relied on, as the Brother does not wish the benefits unless he is clearly entitled to them, and the Lodge is willing to pay if the facts and the law requires it to do so.

Much of the testimony against the claim is based on the declared understanding of the witness that a person is not entitled to benefits unless confined to bed or house. This is not the law, and a Brother is rather to be commended than otherwise for doing what he deems will contribute to his cure.

In a disease of this character the person afflicted is certainly the best judge of his ability to perform labor, and in a case like this, where no suspicion of bad faith attaches to his testimony, should have great influence in the case, and as the action of the Lodge seems to be based on a misapprehension of the law, and as the weight of evidence is with the claimant, the appeal is sustained and Sparta Lodge, No. 52, is hereby directed to pay to the appellant the one week's benefit in controversy.

ALFRED ORENDORFF,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMPSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
Committee

CASE NO. 202.

Grand View Lodge, No. 614 vs. Edgar Lodge, No. 91.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals February Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

This is an appeal from the action of the Grand Master.

The facts show that in July, 1897, a member of Grand View Lodge was taken bad sick at Paris, Ill., within the jurisdiction of Edgar Lodge, No. 91, July 5th. Edgar Lodge wrote a letter to Grandview Lodge, informing said Lodge of the condition of the Brother and stating that it

was necessary to procure a nurse for him, and asking said Lodge if they should furnish a nurse at the expense of Grandview Lodge. July 7th Grandview Lodge answered this letter, stating that their by-laws did not permit the hiring of a nurse and that the Brother being in the jurisdiction of Edgar Lodge, they considered it their duty to care for the Brother. It appears that Edgar Lodge procured the nurse and afterwards sent a bill to Grandview Lodge for nurse hire, $12.00; sundry bill, $2.00. It seems that Grandview refused to pay this bill for nurse hire, but did send amount of sundry bill, $2.00, which Edgar Lodge refused to accept, and returned. The matter was then referred to the Grand Master and he communicated with each of the Lodges and advised the payment of the bill, but made no order in the premises, only expressed a hope that the matter would be amicably adjusted between the two Lodges, from which supposed order of the Grand Master Edgar Lodge, by its attorney, attempts to appeal the case to this committee.

OPINION.

This appeal cannot be sustained for two reasons.

First—There was no positive or final order made by the Grand Master, from which an appeal could be taken. The law is well settled that before an appeal can be taken there must be some final order or judgment to appeal from. No appeal can be taken from mere advise or suggestion made by the Grand Master. Section 2002, Code 1896.

Second—The appeal in this case is signed by the attorney for Edgar Lodge. We know of no law authorizing an attorney to perfect and sign appeal. If the Lodge appeals, it can only be done by order of the Lodge, and should be signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary, with the seal of the Lodge attached.

For the reason that no appeal was properly taken, and for the further reason that no appeal lies from incidental questions during an investigation, we are without jurisdiction in the premises. The appeal is therefore dismissed.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMPSON,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
Committee.

Case No. 195, John H. Riggs et al. vs. Mason City Lodge, No. 337, I. O O. F., continued until the May session, 1898.

Case No. 196, Amicitia Lodge, No. 83, vs. Jno. Quinlin, continued until May session, 1898.

Case No. 197, Hindsboro Lodge, No. 571, vs. Jacob Hendrick, continued until May session, 1898, on account of imperfect record.

Case No. 198, Virden Lodge, No. 534, vs. John James, continued until May session, 1898, on account of imperfect record.

Case No. 189, W. T. Duncan vs. Beaucoup Lodge, No. 159, continued until May session, 1898.

Cases 169 and 170, Remembrance Lodge vs. Joseph Landes, continued until May session, 1898.

Judiciary and Appeals Committee I. O. O. F.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SESSION.

May 17, 1898.

CASE NO. 169.

J. A. Landes, et al. vs. Remembrance Lodge No. 77.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, of No. 232.

This case was heard by this Committee at the August session, 1897; see case 169, page 210, Journal of 1897. An appeal was taken from the judgment of this committee to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Landes. At the November session of the Grand Lodge, at the closing hours, on motion of the appellant, the case was referred back to this committee without instruction. We have heard the argument of Bro. Landes and we are of the opinion that the action of this committee at the August session was right and see no reason for changing or modifying the opinion then made and the same is hereby affirmed and same order entered.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
Committee.

CASE No. 170.

Bro. J. A. Landes, et al. vs. Remembrance Lodge No. 77.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley of No. 232.

This cause was heard by this committee at the August session, 1897. An appeal was taken by Bro. Landes to the Grand Lodge. At last ses-

sion of the Grand Lodge, near the close of the session, Bro. Landes moved that the case be referred back to this committee, which was done

We have given the Brother a patient hearing, and find no cause for changing or modifying our opinion as expressed; see case 170, page 201, Journal, 1897.

We therefore reaffirm that opinion and make the same order now.

WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
Committee.

CASE NO. 189.

W. F. Duncan vs. Beaucoup Lodge No. 159.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. Alfred Orendorff.

In this case the record does not affirmatively show that the appellant was expelled by the necessary two-thirds vote, and the appeal is therefore sustained.

ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
Committee.

CASE NO. 196,

Amicitia Lodge No. 8 vs. John Quinlan.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley of No. 232.

In December, 1896, charges were preferred in Amicitia Lodge against Bro. John Quinlan, a member of said lodge charging him with the crime of adultery. The accused was duly cited to appear and answer said charges on Jan. 11th. At that meeting the accused failed to get to Lodge meeting and he was expelled for contempt. Jan. 22d the action of the Lodge expelling the accused was set aside by the Grand Master. The accused was then again notified to appear March 8th, 1897, at which time he appeared and moved to quash the complaint, which motion was denied. He then moved for a continuance so as to procure a change of venue. The change of venue was granted and the case sent to Scott Lodge No. 702 for trial. The record of Scott Lodge shows that on May 29th, 1897, a transcript was filed with Scott

Lodge and the trial set down for trial June 5th, 1897, and all parties notified. June 5th, 1897, the time for trial, arrived. The Noble Grand asked if the parties were ready for trial. The Noble Grand of Amicitia Lodge being present, asked for a continuance, as they had no counsel.

The defendant moved to dismiss the case on the ground that plaintiff had failed to secure the written evidence with the transcript and that the case could not be tried for want of prosecution which motion was sustained and the case dismissed for want of prosecution. July 17th, 1897, the Grand Master set aside the action of Scott Lodge and ordered a new trial. Scott Lodge set the cause for trial for Oct. 2, 1897, at which time the evidence was heard by the Lodge and the cause argued on both sides. On a vote the Lodge found the defendant not guilty.

The Record in this case is so imperfect and incomplete it is difficult to say that the proceedings were regular The evidence is conflicting on the vital point at issue. There is no preponderance in favor of the charges.

We have carefully considered the papers in this case and we find no sufficient cause to reverse the action of the trial Lodge. The appeal is therefore dismissed and the action of the Lodge acuitting the accused is sustained.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
Committee.

CASE NO. 197.

Jacob Hedrick vs. Hindsboro Lodge No. 571. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. Alfred Orendorff.

In this case the appellant was charged with intoxication, and expelled.

This committee has given careful consideration to all the evidence in the record and has arrived at the conclusion that appellant is not shown to be guilty by a preponderance of the evidence, but on the contrary the weight of the evidence is in his favor.

Therefore the appeal is sustained and Hindsboro Lodge No. 571 is ordered to restore the said Hedrick to membership.

ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
Committee.

CASE NO. 203.

William C. Weston vs. Streator Lodge No. 602.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips of No. 68.

Two charges were brought against Bro. Weston. Upon the first charge and specifications under the same, the Brother was acquitted, and upon the second charge, being for intoxication, the Lodge found the Brother guilty. We have examined the record in this case with the greatest care, and can find nothing to sustain the action of the Lodge. There is an entire absence of any testimony which would warrant the conclusion of the Lodge. The appeal of Bro. Weston is sustained and the action of the Lodge in finding Bro. Weston guilty of intoxication as charged, is reversed.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
Committee.

Cace No. 204.

Safford Lodge No. 67. vs. Carmi Lodge No. 189.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips.

On November 3, 1897, Bro. G. W. Wessinger, a member of Carmi Lodge No. 189, became sick in Cairo, Ill., and was reported sick to Safford Lodge No. 67, which Lodge gave the Brother all needed and proper attention, paying him his proper weekly sick benefits, and immediately notifying Carmi Lodge of the Brother's condition and its action. Soon after the Brother became worse and it was considered necessary that a nurse be provided for Bro. Wessinger. Carmi Lodge being advised of this necessity directed Safford Lodge to provide such a nurse, which was done, and the bill for the same as also for sick benefits advanced was sent to Carmi Lodge, which paid the same, until Carmi Lodge notified Safford Lodge that no more expense would be paid for nurse hire. It seems to be admitted that the by-laws of Carmi Lodge do not provide for the payment of nurse hire for its members, and in the view we take of the case it was a voluntary act on the part of Carmi Lodge to pay such nurse hire and Carmi Lodge was under obligation to pay such nurse hire only so long as it saw proper to do so, and when Safford Lodge was duly notified that Carmi Lodge refused to longer continue this voluntary payment for nurse hire for its member all obligation to continue such payment ceased. This may seem to be unjust and unfair, yet such is the law of our order, and it is

not in our power to make law. We can only state the law as we find and understood it. There may have been paid by Carmi Lodge expenses for nurse hire in this case, after Safford Lodge had been notified as above mentioned. Yet such further payment could not be taken as an extension of the order first given so as to create a continuing obligation on the part of Carmi Lodge. The reason given by Carmi Lodge why it refused longer to pay nurse hire may not be the wisest one to give. We are not permitted to criticise such reason. It is sufficient for our purpose to say that the law of our Order gave to Carmi Lodge the right to refuse to continue such payment and to do so without giving any reason whatever. Carmi Lodge saw proper to exercise its lawful right. There is no claim made by Safford lodge for any unpaid nurse hire which accrued before the notice was received from Carmi Lodge that no more would be paid, and no other claim being made upon Carmi Lodge for expense incurred by Safford Lodge on account of Bro. Wessinger, the decision of the Grand Master will be sustained and the appeal dismissed.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
Committee.

CASE NO. 205.

H. B. Stevenson and others vs. Black Hawk Lodge No. 766.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro Henry Phillips of No. 68.

The record in this case presents the following facts: That Bro A. Walley was a member of Black Hawk Lodge at the time of the passage of the law which does not allow a member of the Order to engage in the saloon business, and at that time was not engaged in such business; that in December, 1897, he did enter into the business of keeping a liquor saloon; that in February, 1898, charges were preferred against Bro. Walley charging him with being engaged in the business of a saloon-keeper; that on the 18th day of February, 1898, Bro. A. Walley appeared in Open Lodge and entered a plea that he was guilty of being a saloon-keeper as charged, but did not consider he had violated any of the laws of the Order, and requested that a ballot be taken; that a ballot was taken and it was found that by a vote of six to seven the Lodge said Bro. A. Walley was not guilty, and refused to expel him from the Lodge. These same parties were before this committee at its November session last and in which a carefully written opinion was filed, in which the law governing this case is fully stated, and such opinion was necessarily before such Lodge. Under the facts above stated, how can this lodge attempt to justify its action The law says

the Brother cannot remain a member of the Order, if guilty as charged. He states that he is guilty as charged and the Lodge says in defiance of the law, he shall not be expelled. This Lodge cannot be permitted to thus wilfully refuse to obey the law and it is the opinion and judgment of this committee that this appeal be sustained; that the action of the lodge be reversed, and that said Lodge immediately expel Bro. A. Walley from the Order, upon his plea of guilty by him deliberately entered as to the charges and specifications.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
Committee.

CASE NO. 209.

John Wildhack, et al. vs. Shiller Lodge No. 200.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. May Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. Wm. Schuchert of No. 57.

From the papers before this committee it appears that Bro. David Wandshneider was reported sick by the visiting committee on February 16th, 1898, and the Lodge donated ten dollars for his relief. His sickness continued to April 4th, when he died. On April 20th the Lodge adopted a motion to pay the widow of Bro. D. Wandshneider the funeral benefits allowed by the by-laws of the Lodge.

From this action of the Lodge Bro. Wildhack and others appealed on the grounds:

1st. That Bro. D. Wandshneider was not a beneficiary member at the time his sickness was reported to the Lodge.

2d. That Bro. Wandshneider had been sick for a considerable time prior to Dec. 30, 1897, when he paid one-quarter dues; that he was unable to perform manual labor during 1897, and that his ailment finally caused his death.

3d. Being not beneficiary, his widow was not entitled to funeral benefits.

OPINION.

Having carefully considered this case and taking into consideration the certificate of Dr. A. Fehrham accompanying the appeal papers, who certifies on oath that he made a thorough examination of the physical condition of Bro. D. Wandshneider on the 4th and 6th of December, 1897, and found him suffering from a malignant tumor of the stomach, which ailment has been of more than a year's standing prior to the examination, we are of the opinion that Bro. D. Wandshneider

was not a beneficiary member and consequently his widow not entitled to funeral benefits allowed by the by-laws of the Lodge. Therefore appeal sustained and action of Lodge reversed.

WM. SCHUCHERT,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
Committee.

Case No. 206, Robert Blum Lodge No. .58 vs. Koerner Lodge No. 756, not filed in time and the Lodge ordered to send up a certified copy of their Lodge records pertaining to this case.

Case No. 207, J. M Holt vs. Waubonsie Lodge No. 45, not filed in time and postponed until August session.

Case No. 208, Galatia Lodge No. 433 vs. H. Webb Pemberton, continued until the August session.

Case No. 195, John H Riggs et al. vs. Mason City Lodge No. 337, continued until August session.

Case No. 198, Virden Lodge No. 534 vs. John James, continued for the reason that the lodge has not sent up record as requested at previous session.

Judiciary and Appeals Committee I. O. O. F.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION.

August 16, 1898.

CASE NO. 195.

John Cameron vs. Mason City Lodge No. 337.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

Charges were regularly preferred against Bro. Cameron, in September, 1897. A trial was subsequently had; the Brother found guilty upon all the charges and specifications; and the penalty fixed at suspension. Upon a vote being taken to fix the time of suspension at eleven months, the motion was adopted and the Noble Grand declared the motion carried, and the Brother was suspended for the time mentioned.

Bro. Cameron has prayed an appeal, and has filed thirty-nine assignments of error therefor, including the various proceedings had during the trial, etc. The record in this case is extremely voluminous, and has required a large amount of time and labor to properly examine and

consider the same. In order to fully understand the force of some of the many objections, it will be necessary to set forth the charges and specifications in detail.

They are as follows:

CHARGE ONE.

Betraying trust imposed in him by various secret orders, in the handling of moneys intrusted to his keeping as treasurer of such organizations; the orders in question being known as I. O. O. F., the encampment I. O. O. F., the I. O. M. A., the M. U. A., all of Mason City, Ill.

Specification 1.—In case of the encampment and subordinate, the I. O. O. F., we charge him with allowing the payments of the B. & L. to go by default until fines had accumulated against said lodges, when the lodge accounts showed that there was sufficient funds in the treasury with which to meet the lawful expenses of said orders.

Specification 2.—When deposed as treasurer of both the I. O. M. A. and the M. U. A. there was a shortage in his accounts that he was unable to meet in a satisfactory manner, when each lodge should have a balance on hand to turn over to the incoming treasurer; the same is true of the encampment.

CHARGE TWO.

Criminal carelessness in imperiling the insurance policies of the entire membership of both the I. O. M. A. and M. U. A.

Specification 1.—On account of non-payments of moneys which should have been in his possession, both of these orders were suspended, and under the laws of said orders, the policies of insurance were forfeited until lodges were restored to good standing.

CHARGE THREE—Lying and Deception.

Specification 1.—When confronted with the facts by different brethren of said organizations, he denied them and declared his accounts were all right, when he must have known they were not. In the case of the I. O. M. A. he declared he had sent money to pay dues, when the G. S. declared he had received nothing from him. He told one of the brethren he had sent a draft for the amount in question, when inquiry at the banks showed he had purchased no draft at all.

Specification 2.—When the proper officer of the M. U. A. notified the lodge that they were suspended for non-payment of dues, Bro. Cameron declared that the money had been sent, and attempted to deceive the officer by means of an envelope bunglingly prepared and a self-evident fraud on its face, which the said officer returned to the lodge, calling attention to the attempted deception and scoring Bro. Cameron for the attempt.

CHARGE FOUR.

Using moneys committed to his care, for other purposes than those intended by those who committed it to his care.

Specifications—While treasurer of several organizations and handling money from various sources, yet he kept no separate account for each lodge but checked it out over his own signature as if the money were his own. And when called upon to produce funds that should have been available, he was unable to do so, but had to compromise by giving his note for his shortage.

CHARGE FIVE—Obtaining Money Under False Pretense.

Specifications—He obtained a sum of money from Mrs. Martha Suman, declaring to her that he could place it to better advantage and at a higher rate of interest than she was getting at the bank where it was deposited; he brought her a note signed by a party who knew nothing of the transaction and gave himself as security. Mrs. Suman held the note for some years and knew nothing about the nature of the case until she began to make inquiry for her payments. Bro. Cameron then took up the note and gave his personal note for the balance, which the old lady still holds, and has been suffering for the necessaries of life on account of having no funds at hand, and being unable to obtain the money from Cameron as she needed it.

At the meeting of October 7, 1897, Bro. Cameron was called upon to plead to the charges and specifications. It appears from the record, that the charges were first read, Bro. Cameron being present in person and by Bro. Robert Walker, his attorney. Before pleading, Bro. Walker arose to make a motion to quash the proceedings, on account of irregularity. A point of order was made, that Bro. Cameron must first plead guilty or not guilty to the charges. Until such plea was made, he had no right to appear by attorney. The Noble Grand sustained the point of order. An appeal was taken to the lodge, and the lodge sustained the Noble Grand. Bro. Cameron at that time, before pleading to the charges, asked leave to present some exceptions to the charges and specifications. This was also ruled out of order, on the ground that the case was not yet on trial and that exceptions were not in order until after he had pleaded. Bro. Cameron again appealed from the decision of the Noble Grand, but the appeal was not sustained. Bro. Cameron excepted to the decision. Bro. Cameron having presented his exceptions to the ruling of the Noble Grand now, as well as at the time of the trial, insists that many of the charges are vague, indefinite, and uncertain, and that various of the specifications include more than one alleged offense.

The Noble Grand and the lodge were in error when they decided that Bro. Cameron could not appear by attorney until after plea had been entertained. A Brother may appear at any stage of the proceed-

ings, either in person of by attorney, and may plead by attorney if he so desires. The Noble Grand and lodge were also in error when they refused to hear Bro. Walker as attorney for Bro. Cameron present his exceptions to the charges and specifications. Objections to form of charges (as informal, vague, etc.) must be made before pleading, and cannot be made afterwards. See Sec. 1875, Ill. Code (1896). Objections to charges and specifications should always be considered by the Noble Grand and lodge; and if they are insufficient, they may be dismissed, or amended, before the Brother pleads, or the evidence is taken.

Passing now to a consideration of the various charges and specifications, it will be noticed that, specification 1 under charge 1 alleges that he had allowed the payments of the "B. & L. to go by default until fines had accumulated against said lodges," etc. This specification fails to allege the name of the lodge or encampment; does not give the name of the "B. & L."; fails to state wherein Bro. Cameron was more guilty than other members of the lodge, or to show that it was his duty to pay it. No time or place are given. If he was the treasurer, as one might presume from the specifications, as the evidence shows he was, still, the specification does not allege that any order was ever drawn for payment of the amounts. Furthermore it does not appear to this committee that a failure to pay, is an offense against the laws of the state or of the principles of the order. This specification is entirely too indefinite and uncertain. If any offense was alleged, there were two separate and distinct offenses charged, and there should have been two separate and distinct specifications—one for each offense. Defendant's exceptions should have been sustained, and the specification dismissed.

Much the same criticism might be made to specification two. This specification assumes that the accused was deposed as treasurer of both the I. O. M. A. and the M. U. A. There is no direct charge that he was removed as treasurer from either of the bodies. The names of the lodges are not set forth. The time of supposed deposition from office is not stated. This specification also attempts to allege a third offense. in the words, "the same is true of the encampment." What encampment? Where or when the offense occurred, is not stated. Further criticism might be made of this specification, but what we have said is probably sufficient to show that it does not comply with the law of our order, and that exceptions to it should have been sustained before plea was entered.

Specification 1 under charge 2 is too indefinite and uncertain. It does not charge an offense against the laws of the State or the principles of our order. No time or place are specified. If this charge and specification had even set forth in detail all that is sought to be proven, and that the evidence introduced in this case shows, nevertheless, grave doubts would exist as to the legality or advisability of attempting to try

the Brother for an alleged neglect of duty as an officer in a sister organization. The charge is the imperiling of the insurance policies "of the entire membership of both F. O. M. A. and M. U. A." The evidence related only to one lodge in each order. Two separate offenses are sought to be alleged in one specification; this is not in accordance with our laws.

Specification 1 under charge 3 sets forth, "when confronted with the facts by different brethren of said organizations." This assumes that he had been confronted with certain facts. What the facts were with which he was confronted, is left to the imagination of the discoverer. The time when so confronted is not stated, nor are the names of the organizations, or the brethren who so confronted him, set forth. Specification 2 is open to much the same objection. These supposed offenses all occurred within other organizations. If the Brother committed an offense, he was doubtless amenable to the laws of such organizations. It is, in our opinion, scarcely consistent with the laws of our order or the duty we owe to each other or to the lodge, to investigate the laws of sister organizations for the purpose of ascertaining whether an officer therein has complied with his duties or has violated its laws.

Charges 2 and 3 and the specifications thereunder are too indefinite and uncertain—are entirely insufficient—and should, in our opinion, have been dismissed.

The specification under charge 4 is subject to nearly all the foregoing criticism of the preceding specifications under charges 1, 2 and 3. It states, "while treasurer of several organizations and handling money from various sources, yet he kept no separate account for each lodge, but checked it out over his own signature as if the money were his own." What organizations were referred to, and when and where was the offense committed? It does not seem to this Committee that this specification states an offense for which the Brother could be called upon to stand trial. This specification is so indefinite and uncertain in every particular that it should have been dismissed on motion before plea was entered. It is true that this specification states that when called upon to produce funds that should have been available, he was unable to do so, but had to compromise by giving his note for his shortage. We are not informed whose funds they were, or when or where he could not produce them. With whom did he compromise, and who was compelled to take his note? So far as the specification is concerned it might all have taken place long before he was a member of Mason City Lodge. The Brother had a right under our laws to have the offense with which he was charged, specifically set forth.

It is no answer to say that the Brother knew just what offenses were intended to be set forth, and that the evidence taken, related to the facts as understood by the Committee when it prepared the charges.

If the Brother had been allowed his legal right before being called upon to plead, a large part of the evidence would probably never have been taken.

Defendant Cameron makes the objection, that the specification under the fifth charge fails to state facts that make out a case of obtaining money under false pretenses; that it fails to allege that by reason of false representations, Mrs. Suman was induced to part with her money. We have given much thought and careful attention to this specification. The allegation is that "he obtained a sum of money from Mrs. Martha Suman, declaring to her that he could place it to better advantage and at a higher rate of interest than she was getting at the bank where it was deposited." So far as this specification goes, this is the only allegation therein that refers to the representations made by the defendant to Mrs. Suman. It is not even alleged that these representations were false; and the prosecution in its evidence (that of Mrs. Suman) shows that the statement as to the interest was true, and that the money was loaned at a higher rate of interest for some eight years or more. These allegations are not sufficient, in our judgment, to make out a case of false pretense. The specification then alleges that "he brought her a note *signed by a party* who knew nothing of the transaction. If the party "signed" the note, and it was delivered to her, what possible difference could it make as to the amount of knowledge he had of the transaction? Who the party was who signed the note is not stated. The evidence introduced in this case in reference to the matter on behalf of the prosecution, was, that while a note purporting to be signed by a Mr. Peters was delivered to Mrs. Suman, yet, that he (Peters) never did in fact sign the note, and if such note was ever given, Peters' name was forged thereon. The note last referred to was subsequently taken up by the defendant with the consent of Mrs. Suman. and Cameron's note substituted for the unpaid balance. This transaction amounted to the payment of the original note. The evidence of the defendant tends to show that no note signed by Peters was ever delivered to Mrs. Suman and that the first note given her was the individual note of the defendant. In our opinion, unless other and further facts are set forth, this charge and specification can not be sustained.

When charges and specifications are based on allegations that a crime has been committed or the principles of the order have been violated by the accused, sufficient facts should be set forth to show that the allegations, if proved to be true, should establish the fact that the accused has committed a crime or has violated the principles of the order. Charges and specifications must not be vague—but must be definite and certain. Sec. 1873, Ill. Code (1896). If vague or indefinite, or when the facts alleged do not constitute an offense the lodge should dismiss them at once. Secs. 1875 and 1876, Ill. Code.

Each specification should be complete in itself, and not attempt to incorporate by inference statements contained in preceding charges and specifications, as was sought to be done in this case in specification 1 under charge 3. There was also an appeal taken by certain members of the lodge, alleging as ground therefor, that the penalty of suspension inflicted by the lodge, was not severe enough for the offense charged, and on which the Brother was found guilty. For the reasons above indicated, we are of the opinion that the action of the lodge in finding the accused brother guilty on the various charges and specifications, must be set aside and vacated. It is therefore ordered that the appeal taken by members of the lodge be dismissed, and that the appeal of Bro. Cameron be sustained, and that the action of the lodge be reversed, and that Bro. Cameron be at once restored to membership in the lodge.

C. B. SAMSON,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
Committee.

CASE NO. 208.

Galatia Lodge No. 433 vs. H. Webb Pemberton.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips of No. 68.

Upon the 30th of November, 1897, the following charges and specifications were filed against Bro. H. W. Pemberton, a member of Galatia Lodge No. 433:

CHARGE ONE.

We charge Bro. H. W. Pemberton with slandering Brother Odd Fellows.

Specification 1.—That he did write and publish in the Galatia Journal, of which he is the editor, in the edition of Oct. 15, 1897, an article implying that favoritism is shown in the testing of wheat at a mill unnamed and that wheat is not honestly tested and that the wording of the said article is such that it is generally understood to refer to the Galatia Roller Mill; that said article is false in letter and spirit and that it falsely accuses Bro. A. J. Webber, owner of said mill, and Bros. C. W. Pemberton and J. C. Mathes, who apply the tester to practically all wheat that comes to said mill.

CHARGE TWO.

We charge Bro. Pemberton with attempting to injure the business of Brother Odd Fellows.

Specification 2.—That he did publish as an editorial in the Galatia Journal of Sept. 3, 1897, an article which asserts that "We see wagon loads of people driving through Galatia nearly every day going to other towns to trade and transact business that Galatia should have." "That the merchants don't want this business is evident for they don't ask for it." "Either be honest enough to say you can't pay so much for produce and can't sell goods as cheap or quit business." "And when we see them forced to go to other towns for their best interests we feel sorry for Galatia." "But we are always ready to get up on a stump and wave our old flopped hats and say, 'Friends, go where you can buy goods cheapest and sell produce the highest, no matter who it hits or who it hurts.' "

Specification 2.—That he has in various issues of the paper aforesaid published editorial articles having a tendency to injure the trade or business of members of this lodge who sell goods or buy produce, to-wit: Bros. Grant Limerick, T. L. Coffee, J. F. Ferguson, A. J. Webber and J. R. Webber.

Specification 3.—That in an article in his paper of Oct. 15, he advised his readers to quit patronizing the Galatia Mill, said mill being owned and operated by A. J. Webber, a member of this lodge.

Specification 4.—That in an editorial of Sept. 10 he asserts that "Buying property in Galatia now is like trading for an old hollow tree in a graveyard," thereby attempting to depreciate the value of said property to the detriment of all brothers who own property in Galatia.

Specification 5.—That he has in various issues of his paper advised his readers to not deposit money in banks, thereby attempting to injure the business of H. Webber and A. J. Webber, members of this lodge. Witnesses on behalf of the prosecution: J. C. Mathes, C. W. Pemberton, A. J. Webber, D. T. Upchruch, George Limerick, and copies of the Galatia Journal.

The proceedings subsequent to the charges and specifications being filed seem to be irregular. The venue was changed to "Eldorado Lodge" and a trial was had and the Brother acquitted.

Objection is made to the action of "Eldorado Lodge" in permitting certain questions to be asked and answered in said lodge previous to the trial, and no cross-examination allowed. In the view taken of the case by this Committee, its decision being founded upon the insufficiency of the charges and specifications we shall not discuss such irregularity.

When charges of calumny, contempt, etc., are made, specifications should explain definitely in what language, acts, etc., the calumny, etc., consists. Charges and specifications must not be vague but must be certain and definite. See Sec. 1873, Ill. Code, 1896.

In the Judgment of this Committee there is not sufficient in said charges and specifications to demand a Brother to answer the same.

A public newspaper must have the privilege of discussing the business of the community in which it circulates and if wrong and injury is done to any citizen, the Civil Courts would seem to be the proper forum in which to seek redress.

It is the well settled doctrine of our order that it will not permit the lodge room to be used as a means of settling business disputes.

These charges and specifications should have been dismissed at once. Sec. 1876, Ill. Code, 1896. Had the verdict of the trial lodge been different from what it was in this case, the same must have been necessarily reversed, because of the failure to state a case sufficient to compel a Brother to answer the same.

In view of the verdict herein we order the appeal in this case dismissed.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
C. B. SAMSON,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
Committee.

CASE NO. 214.

Mrs. Robert Haselwood vs. Gem City Lodge No. 357.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson of No. 440.

Bro. Robert Haselwood, a member in good standing of Gem City Lodge, having died, a motion was subsequently made that the lodge pay the widow of the Brother $60, the full amount of the funeral expenses allowed by the by-laws of the lodge, and the motion was adopted. An appeal was taken to the Lodge Deputy from this action of the lodge, on the ground that the action was illegal, it being claimed that the lodge was not liable for the funeral expenses.

It appears from the record that the Lodge Deputy decided that the lodge was not liable for the funeral expenses and from his decision this appeal was taken to this Committee.

The evidence before us as taken on behalf of the claimant and the lodge shows that the Brother was a member of several orders and that he had requested that the Masonic Fraternity take charge of the funeral.

Bodley Lodge of Masons did, at least take charge of the funeral and performed the services at the grave. The Worshipful Master of Bodley

Lodge refused to allow any of the members of Gem City Lodge to act as pall bearers unless they were also Masons, and wore the regalia of that order.

Gem City Lodge took no part in arranging matters for conducting the funeral, or in any of the services; Gem City Lodge did attend the funeral of the Brother in a body, wearing the regalia of the order, except that the officers did not wear the regalia of their respective offices.

They marched in a body from the house to the place of interment, but took no part in the services at the grave or elsewhere.

The deceased Brother was buried in a lot belonging to the Masons.

It is the well settled law of our order that where the funeral ceremonies are conducted by some other order exclusively the liability of the lodge for funeral expenses does not attach. Sec. 1539, Ill. Code (1896) Sec. 1538 of same.

We are therefore of the opinion that the decision of the Lodge Deputy was in conformity with the law of our order and facts established by the evidence.

It is therefore ordered that the appeal taken on behalf of Mrs. Haselwood be dismissed, and that the decision of the Lodge Deputy of Gem City Lodge be approved and confirmed.

C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
Committee.

CASE NO. 216.

C. E. Pope, vs. Unity Rebekah Lodge No. 68 — Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1898.

Opinion by R. W. S. Wheatley, P. G. R., of No. 232.

It appears from the record that Brother C. E. Pope was a member of Unity Rebekah Lodge, and that in July, 1896, he applied for and received a withdrawal card. Thirteen months later, in August, 1897, he made application for reinstatement. A committee was appointed and made a favorable report, a ballot was taken, when the Vice Grand was asked how she found the ballot. She replied unfavorble. The ballot box was passed to the Noble Grand, who said "it was a shame to black-ball Brother Pope," whereupon Sister Pope, member of the lodge and wife of the applicant, moved that the ballot be taken over, whereupon the Deputy of the lodge and others objected. However, the Noble Grand ordered another ballot, there appearing but two black-balls in the

second ballot, and the Brother was by the Noble Grand declared elected to membership. From that time there seemed to have been some friction in the Lodge. The matter was referred to the Grand Master and he appointed Brother John L. Barnum, P. G. M., Special Deputy to investigate the matter. Brother Barnum, after due investigation, decided "that a brother holding an expired withdrawal card could not be reinstated but must petition for membership as an Ancient Odd Fellow. (Sec. 1659, Illinois Code). He also declared the result of the ballot having been announced a second ballot could not be taken, except for mistake or fraud (Sec. 1731-1732, also Sub-constitution, Art. 2, Sec. 6) and that Brother Pope was not a legal member of Unity Lodge." The Special deputy made the report to the Grand Master. The Grand Master confirmed the decision of Special Deputy Barnum, from which decision Brother Pope takes this appeal.

OPINION.

We have carefully considered this case and are of the opinion that the decision of Special Deputy Barnum is correct and is hereby approved. The appeal is therefore dismissed and the action of the Special Deputy and the Grand Master is confirmed.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
C. B. SAMSON,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
Committee.

CASE NO. 218.

David Hecht vs. Charleston Lodge No. 609. — Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. Alfred Orendorff of No. 465.

In this case Bro. Hecht was charged with drunkenness and also with assault on his wife with intent to murder, on the 29th of September, 1892. On the trial it was claimed by Bro. Hecht that on the 19th of October, 1892, he was found by a jury, in the County Court of Coles County, to be insane and was committed to the Insane Hospital at Kankakee, where he was an inmate for about two years, and was afterwards discharged.

Bro. Hecht offered on the trial, which took place after his discharge, a certified copy of the proceedings of said Court, under which he was found insane and said record was on objection of the prosecution excluded from the consideration of the lodge.

Your Committee are of the opinion, that in a case which turns upon the sanity of the accused at the time of the alleged offense, a record

which was offered to show that he was found insane within twenty days after the assault, should in connection with all the evidence have been admitted.

We cannot say that had it been admitted, the finding of the lodge might not have been different. For this reason, the case is hereby remanded with instructions to re-try said case on the evidence already taken and to admit the said certified copy of the record of the County Court and to hear such further evidence as may be submitted by either side.

ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
C. B. SAMSON,
Committee.

CASE NO. 219.

Joseph A. Landis vs. Remembrance Lodge No. 77.	Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. August Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. R. W. S. Wheatley, P. G. R., of No. 232.

This is an appeal from the action of the lodge expelling Bro. Landis.

May 3, 1898, charges were preferred against Bro. Landis. The accused cited to appear and plead, etc.

At the second regular meeting thereafter, May 17, the accused appeared and moved to dismiss the charges and specifications, which motion was refused. The accused then plead "not guilty" to the several charges and specifications.

The Noble Grand then appointed a commissioner to take evidence. The accused objected to the commissioner on the ground of prejudice.

May 24 the Noble Grand withdrew the appointment of the commissioner and appointed Bro. E. M. Prince, P. G., commissioner.

Accused objected to the appointment being made at that time.

At the next regular meeting, May 31, Commissioner Prince was duly obligated. June 7 the Noble Grand informed the lodge that the commissioner had reported all the evidence taken and notified all parties of the time and place he would hear objections to the evidence.

The accused again moved to dismiss the case. Motion refused.

The accused then gave notice of an application to the Grand Master for a change of venue.

June 21 a communication from the Grand Master ordering a change of venue to Bloomington Lodge No. 400 was read to the lodge and by

the request of Bloomington Lodge No. 400 the Grand Master countermanded the order of change of venue to No. 400 and directed that the case be sent to Odd Fellows Lodge No. 783 at Normal. Ill.

On June 29 the Grand Master telegraphed the Secretary of No. 77 to hold papers, etc., and at the regular meeting of the lodge July 5 a communication from the Grand Master under date of June 28 was read to the lodge countermanding orders of change of venue and ordering Remembrance Lodge to proceed with the trial of the case at the regular meeting of the lodge July 12.

The Noble Grand reported to the lodge that he had met the committee and accused and heard and passed on the objections to the evidence. Motion was made to proceed with the trial of the case. The accused objected on the ground that the case had not been set down for trial and that he had received no notice that the case would be called for trial that night, hence was not ready and prepared to proceed with the trial at that time.

The motion to proceed with the trial prevailed. The accused announced that "he would retire from the case" and withdrew from the lodge room.

The lodge then proceeded to hear the evidence and dispose of the case by expelling the accused.

OPINION.

We have carefully considered the record in this case and we are of the opinion that the appeal should be sustained. "A member may not be tried if on actual notice he refuses to stand trial or does not appear and remain in the lodge. In that case he may be dealt with for contempt but not on the merits of the case charged." Sec. 1892, Code 1896; Sec. 1894, Code 1896; Journal 1894, Case 45, Page 885. In this case we are of the opinion that a definite time should have been fixed for the hearing of the case and all parties notified of the time and place for trial. Especially should notice have been given the accused in this particular case, for the reason that a change of venue had been ordered from the Home Lodge and revoked by the Grand Master.

The appeal is therefore sustained and the action of the lodge in expelling the accused is set aside. The case is remanded back to the lodge with directions to fix a time and place for trial not less than two weeks from the date of fixing the time for trial, the accused to be duly notified of the time and place of the trial. The lodge will then proceed to hear the evidence and dispose of the case as the law directs.

The Grand Secretary is directed to return the evidence in the case to the lodge to be used on such trial.

R. W. S. WHEATLEY,
C. B. SAMSON,
WM. SCHUCHERT,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
Committee.

Case No. 158, Paul Lodge No. 691 vs. August Schumann, continued.

Case No. 198, Virden Lodge No. 534 vs. John James, continued to be submitted to the Grand Sire.

Case No. 206, Robert Blum Lodge No. 58 vs. Koerner Lodge No. 756, continued for record from Koerner Lodge and copy of evidence.

Case No. 210, Martinsville Lodge No. 134 vs. C. J. Lindly, G. M., continued with instructions to G. M. to send up all papers in the case.

Case No. 211, E. E. Ott et al. vs. Remembrance Lodge No. 77, continued.

Case No. 212, J. A. Landis et al. vs. Remembrance Lodge No. 77, continued.

Case No. 213, W. A. Dubose vs. Mt. Pulaski Lodge No. 454, continued for record.

Case No. 215, P. G. Degoe vs. C. W. Warren Dept. Lodge No. 36, continued to November Session with instructions to Lodge to forward Lodge records in the case.

Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, I O.O.F.

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CASE No. 198.

Virden Lodge, No. 534, vs. John James. { Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

Charges were preferred against Bro. James in his Lodge in August, 1897. The charge was entering the saloon business: the specification being that he entered "the saloon business on or about the 10th day of September, 1896, on the west side of the square, where he is occupied at present." A plea of "not guilty" was entered, a Commissioner was appointed, evidence taken, and a trial had which resulted in his

acquittal on both charge and specification. An appeal was taken by four members of the Lodge, assigning as grounds therefor "that the decision of the Lodge * * * declared the brother innocent when all the evidence shows that he was guilty."

It appears from the record in this case that Bro. James had been employed as a bar-tender since May, 1894, and that he was so employed until about the 11th day of September, 1896. Early in September, 1896, the brother fitted up a saloon, obtained a license on the 7th day of September, and claims to have opened the saloon on the 12th day of September, 1896.

The only question in this case is as to whether the brother violated Section 5 of Article XVI, Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution. Difference of opinion on the question having arisen in this committee, it was agreed that there should be formulated and submitted to the Grand Sire a question covering the principle involved.

Thereupon the following question was submitted to the Grand Sire through our Grand Secretary, viz:

"Is it a violation of Section 5 of Article XVI, Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution, for a brother to open and conduct a saloon, he being at the time a bar-tender, rightfully and legally employed?"

To this question the Grand Sire made the following answer:

"The provision of the Constitution referred to reads as follows: 'Section 8. No saloon-keeper, bar-tender, or professional gambler, shall be eligible to membership in this Order.' This provision applies to those who may undertake to make application for membership in this Order after the adoption of the provision quoted, which was at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held in Atlantic City in 1895, but does not affect the rights of saloon-keepers, bar-tenders, or professional gamblers, who had prior to such adoption acquired membership in the Order. I hold that where a member of the Order was engaged in the business of a bar-tender at the time of the adoption of this provision of the Constitution, he could not be deprived of his membership on account of his occupation; and that a mere change of his condition from that of an employe in a saloon to that of an owner of a saloon does not change his occupation or trade. I further hold, as a necessary consequence, that the fact that one who was a saloon-keeper when such law was adopted, but who, through some conditions, has ceased to be an owner and keeper of a saloon, and become a hired employe of a saloon-keeper,—in other words a bar-tender, —has not changed his occupation, and has not violated the provisions of the section of the Constitution referred to. A blacksmith is still a blacksmith, whether he is a journeyman blacksmith, or one who works in his own shop; and so I hold that a man is a bar-tender, whether he tends the bar for himself, or works for another man for wages."

This decision (No. 81) of the Grand Sire was reported to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the 1898 session, and was by it referred to the Committee on Judiciary, which committee, by a bare majority, reported adversely thereto, and offered as a substitute for the decision of the Grand Sire above set forth the following resolution, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Sire be reversed, and the correct answer to the question be, that it is a violation of Section 5, Article XVI, of the Constitution, for a brother to open and conduct a saloon. he being at the time a bar-tender rightfully and legally so employed."

See report No. 195, page 224, Daily Proceedings Sovereign Grand Lodge.

This report and the resolution above set forth were subsequently adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge (page 247, Daily Proceedings Sovereign Grand Lodge).

The evidence of Bro. James shows that he opened and conducted the saloon as charged; and the foregoing resolution must now be held by us to be the correct construction of the law as applied to the facts in the case. From the foregoing it necessarily follows that the finding of the Lodge was contrary to the law and the evidence in this case, and that the appeal should be sustained.

It is therefore ordered that the action of Virden Lodge, No. 534, in finding Bro. James not guilty, be and the same is hereby reversed and vacated. And this case is hereby remanded to said Lodge with instructions to notify said defendant to appear for trial,—giving the brother not less than one week's notice of the time and place of trial.—that the evidence taken in this case be read to the Lodge, and a vote be then taken, and that Bro. James be found guilty upon the charge and specification; and that the Lodge then by vote fix the penalty of expulsion for the violation of the principles of our Order, as set forth in said charge and specification.

See Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of 1896, pages 14679 and 14681.

C. B. Samson,
Alfred Orendorff,
R. W. S. Wheatley,
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CASE No. 211.

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vs.
Remembrance Lodge, No. 77.
} Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

This is an appeal taken by three members of Remembrance Lodge, from its action in allowing nine weeks' sick benefits to Bro. R. E.

Strimple. The sick benefits were allowed the brother from February 1st, 1898. It does not appear from the record that the brother's sickness was actually reported to the Lodge until March 29th, 1898; and it is claimed by appellants that the Lodge had no right to allow benefits for more than one week prior to the time the sickness of the brother was reported to the Lodge; and that it was a violation of Section 2, Article IV, of the Lodge By-Laws, to allow benefits as was done from February 1st, 1898. From the record it would appear that the brother was sick all the time for which he was allowed benefits. Section 2 is as follows:

"Any brother becoming sick shall send notice thereof, as soon as may be, to some member of the Visiting Committee, or to the Lodge. No brother shall be entitled to benefits whose case has not been reported to the Visiting Committee or to the Lodge, unless it shall appear that he used due diligence to report himself to them; and no benefits shall be allowed for more than one week's sickness prior to such notice being sent to the Visiting Committee or to the Lodge."

It appears from the record in this case, that the brother endeavored to have his sickness reported to the Lodge. He requested his wife to see certain members and inform them of his condition, and request them to lay the matter before the Lodge; and that his wife did see Bro. O. Beebe, who was one of the officers of the Lodge, and report the brother's condition. There appears to be some question as to whether the sickness was reported prior to March 29th. In any event, the date last mentioned is the first evidence in the Lodge records as to when the brother's sickness was reported. If the members of the Lodge believed the statements made in the affidavits relative to the efforts made to notify the Lodge of the sickness, they might well conclude that the brother "used due diligence to report himself to them," and they had the legal right to allow the benefits claimed by him. The Lodge has by its vote in effect decided that the brother did "use due diligence" in endeavoring to report his condition to the Lodge. It was simply a question of fact, determinate by the Lodge with all the evidence before it.

As it does not appear to us that the Lodge acted improperly, hastily, or in a spirit unworthy of our Order, in passing upon the facts before it, we ought not to reverse the judgment of the Lodge. (Section 1549, Illinois Code of 1896.) We therefore hold that the Lodge did not act illegally in allowing the benefits claimed by the brother, and see no reason to reverse its action. The appeal is dismissed, and the action of the Lodge sustained.

C. B. Samson,
Henry Phillips,
R. W. S. Wheatley,
Alfred Orendorff.

CASE No. 212.

J. A. Landes et al. vs. Remembrance Lodge, No. 77. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

On August 28, 1896, Bro. Albert S. Miner, a member of Remembrance Lodge, No. 77, was adjudged to be insane, and was committed to the Asylum at Kankakee, Ill., from which he was discharged October 19, 1897. His confinement covered a period of 111 weeks. The weekly sick-benefit to which he was entitled was $3, making the total amount due the brother $333.

At the meeting of the Lodge held February 8, 1898, the Trustees reported that Bro. Miner only asked benefits to the amount of $100 and enough to pay his dues and assessments, amounting to about $17 additional. This amount the Lodge paid.

From this action of the Lodge Bro. J. A. Landes and two other brothers took an appeal, assigning as grounds therefor the following:

1st. The Lodge's action in the matter was unlawful.

2d. The Lodge's action in the matter was unjust.

3d. The Lodge's action in the matter, if permitted to pass unchallenged, establishes a most dangerous and pernicious precedent.

Subsequently Bro. Miner gave the Lodge the following receipt:

"WHEREAS, Remembrance Lodge, No. 77, I.O.O.F., of Bloomington, Ill., according to its By-Laws, was indebted to me in the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars ($333.00), being for benefits accrued and unpaid to me up to the 19th day of October, 1897; and

"WHEREAS, Said Lodge has paid to me the sum of One Hundred Dollars in part payment of said benefits, and has also paid all dues and assessments of every kind for which I was in any manner liable to said Lodge up to said date:

"*Now, therefore,* of my own free will and for the benefit of said Lodge, I, Albert Miner, member of said Lodge, do hereby donate to said Lodge the sum of Two Hundred and Seventeen Dollars, being the remainder of said benefits so accrued, and do hereby forever release and discharge said Lodge from all liability and responsibility to me or to my heirs, or to any person or persons who might in any manner have any claim upon said benefits or to any part of the same.

"Dated, Bloomington, Ill., April 5, 1898.

"ALBERT S. MINER."

The first ground of appeal is without merit. The report made by the Trustees, that the brother claimed a sum-total of $117, which the Lodge paid, was no more than the Lodge should have done. There

appears to have been due the brother an amount not exceeding $333. If he had filed a claim for the full amount, it would have been the duty of the Lodge to have paid it. The brother could donate all or a part of his benefits to the Lodge, and could not afterward make claim therefor. Section 1493 (Clause 9) Illinois Code 1896.

As to the second ground of appeal, the appellants say:

"Relative to the second ground of appeal, there was no justice in the Lodge taking advantage of Bro. Miner's present mental condition to settle with him for a less amount of benefits than he was lawfully entitled to, and than he, when mentally well, and other brothers have been granted and accepted for their sickness."

It is evidently the intention of appellants, by this statement, to convey the impression to this committee that Bro. Miner was not fully restored to reason, although they do not state it as a fact.

The answer to this is, that if the brother is restored to reason he had the indisputable right to execute the receipt, and donate the balance of the benefits to the Lodge.

If he was still *non-compos* at the time the Lodge settled with him, and he executed the receipt or agreement above set forth, then, and in that event, the agreement would not be binding upon him; the Lodge would still be liable for the amount donated by him to it.

If he was not restored to reason, the Lodge should not have paid him the $117.

If he is still *non-compos*, the Lodge has no right to pay him the amount appellants claim there is still due the brother. We cannot assume that he was not restored to reason when he settled with the Lodge and executed the instrument. There is no evidence in the record on which we can base any such presumption.

The third ground of appeal raises an ethical rather than a legal proposition. What we have said on the other points raised is, in our opinion, sufficient to dispose of the case; and no benefit can be derived by a discussion of the third proposition presented for our consideration.

In our opinion, this appeal is without merit.

The Lodge has not been injured. Bro. Miner appears to be satisfied. If he is not satisfied, it will be time enough to determine the question as to whether the Lodge took advantage of his mental condition, should he present a claim for the amount he appears to have donated to the Lodge. The appeal is dismissed.

C. B. Samson,
Henry Phillips,
R. W. S. Wheatley,
Alfred Orendorff.

CASE No. 213.

W. A. Dubose vs. Mt. Pulaski Lodge, No. 454. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

Opinion by Bro. Henry Phillips, of No. 68.

It appears from the record in this case that Bro. Dubose was charged—

1st. That he preferred charges against Bro. George W. Connely which were false and malicious; namely, that Bro. George W. Connely, on the 20th day of August, 1896, engaged as a bar-tender, after being out of the business for the period of one year, working at his trade as a well-digger and teamster.

2d. That on the 14th of September, 1897, he (Connely) admitted having been four days in a bar-room selling liquor to customers; all of which is false and malicious.

3d. That on the 21st day of September, 1897, Bro. Dubose accused the members of his Lodge with falsehood and perjury, and refused to obey the Noble Grand when called to order, and left the Lodge-room without the permission of the Noble Grand.

4th. That Bro. Dubose acknowledged that he was prejudiced against Bro. Connely.

As to the first and second charges named, it appears by the evidence that Bro. Connely admitted that he did as he is therein charged, and therefore Bro. Dubose did not make a false charge against Bro. Connely, and we do not see how malice can be charged when the charge made is admitted to be true. Bro. Dubose was found guilty by his Lodge on the two charges Nos. 1 and 2. Our opinion is that upon these two charges 1 and 2 the Lodge was wrong; and were these the only charges against Bro. Dubose, the final action of the Lodge would necessarily be reversed.

Upon the fourth charge above named, the evidence is very clear that Bro. Dubose did, in open Lodge, accuse the members of his Lodge with being liars and perjurers. We cannot understand how any brother can so far forget his manhood as to permit himself to use such language in his Lodge-room to those to whom he has pledged his brotherly love, and received from them in return their pledged kindness. The remaining charges we do not consider as demanding our attention, as there appears to be nothing in them.

Upon the whole case, the Lodge found Bro. Dubose guilty, and expelled him from the Order. In our opinion, we feel that expulsion is not an excessive punishment for the conduct alleged in charge No. 4, so far as the language used is concerned, and the appeal of Bro. Dubose is dismissed and the action of the Lodge in finding him

guilty, as to the said fourth charge, so far as the language used is concerned, and expelling him from the Order on account of the same, is confirmed.

HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMSON,
ALFRED ORENDORFF,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY.

CASE No. 217.

Paul Lodge, No. 691, vs. August Schumann. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session, 1898.

Opinion by Bro. C. B. Samson, of No. 440.

Bro. Schumann, a member in good standing of Paul Lodge, made a claim for five weeks' sick-benefits, which the Lodge refused to pay.

The facts appear to be as follows: Bro. Schumann, while moving his household effects from Elgin to Chicago, claims to have fallen from a wagon and to have been severely bruised and injured, and was unable to pursue his usual vocation for the period for which the benefits were claimed.

A physician was sent for, but was not at home; and no physician was called to see him.

The brother's injuries were reported to Paul Lodge by Souvenir Lodge, and in answer to the communication so sent, Paul Lodge informed Souvenir Lodge that Bro. Schumann was in good standing, and that the benefits were five dollars per week, which Souvenir Lodge was authorized to pay; adding, however, the following: "Have him send physician's certificate." As no physician's certificate could be furnished, Souvenir Lodge declined to pay the benefits.

Three members of Souvenir Lodge made affidavit to the injury and to the time the brother was disabled.

Paul Lodge refused to pay unless a certificate of a physician was furnished, claiming that, under Section 3 of Article IV of its By-Laws, they had the legal right to require the certificate, as a condition precedent to payment of benefits claimed.

The by-law is as follows: "If a beneficiary member of this Lodge is sick away from home, the certificate of a practicing physician in good standing, and, if within reach of a Lodge, also a duly-authenticated certificate from such Lodge, giving date and nature of his sickness, and such other evidence as the Lodge may demand, shall entitle him to benefits."

After the Lodge refused to pay the benefits, the matter was taken before the Grand Master, and on April 1, 1896, he issued an order directing Paul Lodge to pay the benefits claimed at once; and from this order of the Grand Master an appeal was taken to this committee.

We have given this case much thought and study, in our efforts to determine the correct interpretation to be given to the law governing the questions involved, and have arrived at the conclusion that the by-law above quoted must be held to be the binding and controlling element when applied to the facts above set forth.

Bro. Schumann must be presumed to have known that under this by-law the Lodge had a right to demand the certificate of a physician: he was in a community where a doctor's services could have been procured, without very much effort or the sending to a very great distance.

We do not wish to be understood as saying that a case might not arise where it would be unreasonable and unjust to give a by-law, such as is above set forth, so strict a construction; but as applied to the facts set forth in the record, we are fully satisfied that the Lodge had the legal right to insist that the brother comply with the law, and that for a failure so to do, the Lodge might legally refuse payment of the claim, without it was produced.

It is therefore the judgment and order of this committee that the decision of the Grand Master be reversed, and that the action of the Lodge in refusing to pay the benefits be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Appeal sustained. Action of the Lodge affirmed.

C. B. Samson,
R. W. S. Wheatley,
Alfred Orendorff,
Henry Phillips.

CASE NO. 220.

Joseph A. Landes vs. Remembrance Lodge, No. 77. } Before Committee on Judiciary and Appeals. November Session.

This is an appeal from the action of Remembrance Lodge, No. 77, expelling Bro. Landes, a member of said Lodge.

The charges and specifications are as follows:

Charge I. We charge Bro. Joseph A. Landes of this Lodge with addressing a newly-initiated member with vulgar language in ridiculing the Lodge.

Specification 1. That Bro. Joseph A. Landes did, on the evening of September 21st, 1897, in the ante-room of Remembrance Lodge, No. 77, I.O.O.F., between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock P. M., make use of the following language addressed to Bro. L. F. Robuck, a member of this Lodge who had just taken his third degree. (Here follows the language, which is so obscene that it can not be properly reproduced and published in this opinion).

Charge II. We charge Bro. Joseph A. Landes of this Lodge with contempt and conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow.

Specification 1. That Bro. Joseph A. Landes did, on the evening of March 1st, 1898, in Remembrance Lodge-room, between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock P. M., while the Lodge was in session, refuse to obey the mandates of the Noble Grand, by refusing to cease talking and take his seat when called to order by the Noble Grand and ordered by him to take his seat, and defied the Noble Grand, saying, "I will take my seat when I get ready. Thereupon the Noble Grand instructed Bro. Thos. F. Rhea to seat Bro. Landes. Bro. Landes addressed the Noble Grand as follows: "You had better not send any one here to seat me, for I will not sit down and will make it hot for any man who attempts to seat me."

Charge III. We charge Bro. Joseph A. Landes of this Lodge with using calumnious language against brothers of Remembrance Lodge, No. 77, I.O.O.F.

Specification 1. That on the evening of March 1st, 1898, in Remembrance Lodge-room, between the hours of 8 and 11 o'clock P. M., Bro. Joseph A. Landes did use the following language, addressing Bro. T. F. Rhea: "You are dishonest, the Trustees of this Lodge are dishonest, and two-thirds of the members of this Lodge are dishonest and rascals."

Charge IV. We charge Bro. Joseph A. Landes of this Lodge with insubordination and contempt.

Specification 1. That on the evening of April 19th, 1898, in Remembrance Lodge-room, between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock P. M., Bro. Joseph A. Landes rose to his feet and commenced to use abusive language about a member of this Lodge. The Noble Grand called Bro. Landes to order, but was not heeded. The Noble Grand again called Bro. Landes to order and ordered him to take his seat. Bro. Landes refusing to comply, the Noble Grand asked him if he would take his seat. Bro. Landes replied, "No, I will not," and continued to talk in defiance of the Noble Grand until he was escorted out of the Lodge-room by Bros. Hofmann and Robuck, by order of the Noble Grand.

Charge V. We charge Bro. Joseph A. Landes of this Lodge with contempt and disturbing the initiatory ceremony of this Lodge.

Specification 1. That during the initiatory ceremony in Remembrance Lodge-room on the evening of April 26th, 1898, between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock P. M., Bro. Joseph A. Landes rose to his feet and commenced to use abusive language about a member of this Lodge. The Noble Grand called Bro. Landes to order and directed him to take his seat. This Bro. Landes refused to do, and continued to talk in the same strain until the Noble Grand informed him unless he took his seat he (the Noble Grand) would resort to other means to compel him to be seated.

At the second regular meeting following said charges, to-wit, on May 17, 1898, the accused appeared and moved to dismiss the charges and specifications, which motion was refused. The accused then plead "Not guilty" to the several charges and specifications. The Noble Grand then appointed a commissioner to take evidence. The accused objected to the commissioner on the ground of prejudice.

May 24th, the Noble Grand withdrew the appointment of the commissioner and appointed Bro. E. M. Prince, P. G., the commissioner.

At the next regular meeting, May 31, Commissioner Prince was duly obligated. June 7, the Noble Grand informed the Lodge that the commissioner had reported all the evidence taken, and notified all parties of time and place he would hear objections to the evidence.

The accused again moved to dismiss the case. Motion refused.

The accused then gave notice of an application to the Grand Master for a change of venue.

June 21, a communication from the Grand Master ordering a change of venue to Bloomington Lodge, No. 400, was read to the Lodge, and by the request of Bloomington Lodge, No. 400, the Grand Master countermanded the order of change of venue to 400, and directed that the case be sent to Odd-Fellows Lodge, No. 783, at Normal, Ill.

On June 29, the Grand Master telegraphed the Secretary of No. 77 to hold papers, etc., and at the regular meeting of the Lodge July 5, a communication from the Grand Master under date of June 28 was read to the Lodge, countermanding orders of change of venue, and ordering Remembrance Lodge to proceed with the trial of the case at the regular meeting of the Lodge July 12.

The Noble Grand reported to the Lodge that he met the committee and the accused, and heard and passed on the objections to the evidence. Motion was made to proceed with the trial of the case. The accused objected, on the ground that the case had not been set down for trial and that he had received no notice that the case would be called for trial that night, hence was not ready and prepared to proceed with the trial at that time.

The motion to proceed with the trial prevailed. The accused announced that "he would retire from the case," and withdrew from the Lodge-room.

The Lodge then proceeded to hear the evidence and dispose of the case by expelling the accused. From this action of the Lodge Bro. Landes appealed to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, and at the August session of said committee the following opinion was rendered:

"We have carefully considered the record in this case, and we are of the opinion that the appeal should be sustained. A member may

not be tried if, on actual notice, he refuses to stand trial or does not appear and remain in the Lodge. In that case he may be dealt with for contempt, but not on the merits of the case charged. Section 1892, Code 1896; Section 1894, Code 1896: Journal 1894, Case 45, page 885. In this case we are of the opinion that a definite time should have been fixed for the hearing of the case, and all parties notified of the time and place for trial. Especially should notice have been given the accused in this particular case, for the reason that a change of venue had been ordered from the home Lodge and revoked by the Grand Master.

"The appeal is therefore sustained and the action of the Lodge in expelling the accused is set aside. The case is remanded back to the Lodge with directions to fix a time and place for trial, not less than two weeks from the date of fixing the time for trial, the accused to be duly notified of the time and place of the trial. The Lodge will then proceed to hear the evidence and dispose of the case as the law directs.

"The Grand Secretary is directed to return the evidence in the case to the Lodge to be used on such trial."

OPINION.

In pursuance of the above opinion, Remembrance Lodge retried the accused. He made the same defense as before, and claimed that he was justified in doing all that was proved against him in order to secure charges to be filed against him, and thus have an opportunity to show that his actions were justified by the misconduct of officers and members of the Lodge.

The committee does not believe that the conduct of the brother can in any way be justified by the alleged misconduct of other members of the Lodge. The remedy in case of violations of the laws of the Order is by charges followed by proof, and that when this is done a brother's duty is fully performed.

The testimony and admissions in this case show that the accused is guilty, and the fact, if it is a fact, that other members have been and are subject to charges is no defense in this case; and in this view of the matter, the refusal to admit testimony of such a character could not have affected the result.

The appeal herein is therefore dismissed, and the action of Remembrance Lodge, No. 77, I.O.O.F., in expelling Bro. Joseph A. Landes is sustained.

ALFRED ORENDORFF,
HENRY PHILLIPS,
C. B. SAMSON,
R. W. S. WHEATLEY.

Appeals to the Grand Lodge.

An appeal to the Grand Lodge has been taken in each of the following cases:

Case No. 169—J. A. Landes vs. Remembrance Lodge, No. 77.

Case No. 170—J. A. Landes vs. Remembrance Lodge, No. 77.

Case No. 191—Bloomington Lodge, No. 400, vs. Remembrance Lodge, No. 77.

Case No. 194—Stephen Amon vs. North Star Lodge, No. 620.

Case No. 195—Mason City Lodge, No. 337, vs. John Cameron.

Case No. 202—Grand View Lodge, No. 614, vs. Edgar Lodge, No. 91.

Case No. 204—Safford Lodge, No. 67, vs. Carmi Lodge, No. 189.

Case No. 214—C. T. Hewes et al. vs. Gem City Lodge, No. 357.

Conclusion.

In closing this report for the year, I feel that a just consideration of the many causes that contributed to the growth of the Order and to its splendid achievements would not permit me to leave unmentioned the fact that the source of power, the fountain of love and the mine of wealth, is to be found in the individual membership of the Order.

Much credit is due to our distinguished and able Grand Master, C. J. Lindly, whose zeal and willingness to serve the best interests of the Order have marked his administration with success. Grand Patriarch Jno. T. Blaney, while sadly afflicted in his home circle, has been earnest and devoted in promoting the best interests of the Patriarchal branch of the Order. Sister Lucy E. Messick, President of the Assembly, while laboring under physical disadvantages, has added to the material growth of the Rebekah branch of the Order by her prudent counsel and personal efforts.

With sincere gratitude I return thanks to the officers and membership generally for the many courtesies extended to me, and for the continued evidences of respect and esteem; and to Bro. John H. Sikes, the efficient Assistant Grand Secretary, am I especially grateful.

Fraternally,

Jas. R. Miller

Grand Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., NOV. 15, 1898.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

BROTHERS:—In accordance with the laws of our Order, I, as your Grand Treasurer, herewith respectfully submit to you my annual report of the condition of your financial affairs, as follows:

THOMAS B. NEEDLES, Grand Treasurer.

In account with the GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

1897.			
Nov. 4.	To balance on hand	$14,842	48
1898.			
Apr. 19.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	15,000	00
May 3.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	16,931	14
Sept. 20.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	6,000	00
Oct. 14.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	15,000	00
Nov. 3.	To cash received from Grand Secretary Miller	14,047	36
		$81,820	98

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1898.			
Nov. 3.	By mileage and per diem orders paid at the session of 1897, at Springfield	$14,197	96
	By orders paid, issued by the Grand Master and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, as follows:		
No.			
2718	J. N. Scearce, for services Special Deputy, Hoopeston Lodge, 498	10	50
2719	Jacob Krohn, chairman, for mileage and per diem	102	54
2720	Geo. F. Howard, chairman, for mileage and per diem, 4th session	130	10
2721	H. F. Day, for assistance at Grand Lodge session	30	00
2722	N. D. Calkins, for services on Mileage and Per Diem Committee	15	00
2723	J. L. Barnum, for Special Deputy Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 140	12	00
2724	John R. Camp, chairman, for printing bill allowed by Grand Lodge	53	06
2725	M. Blumle, for janitor service allowed by Grand Lodge	15	00

2727	Geo. C. Rankin, Grand Master, for current expenses....	$53 29
2728	C. D. Brainard, for expenses Railroad Committee.....	9 75
2729	Alonzo Ellwood, for expenses Railroad Committee.....	5 00
2730	F. J. Heinl, for expenses Railroad Committee...	17 30
2731	J. E. Woods, for building ante-room, state house, Grand Lodge.....	14 95
2732	Barkley & Lax, for rent of chairs for Grand Lodge....	8 25
2733	John Underfanger, for hauling chairs.....	12 00
2734	T. B. Needles, for clerk-hire, allowed by Grand Lodge,	100 00
2735	R. J. Beck, for janitoring at Grand Lodge session.. ...	40 00
2736	H. A. Stone, for expenses getting out minority report Old Folks' Home.....	127 97
2737	Ed. F. Hartmann, for printing officers' reports.....	188 50
2738	Ed. F. Hartmann, for printing majority report Old Folks' Home	57 60
2739	W. H. Bean, for services Special Deputy Kossuth Lodge case	16 50
2740	Chas. S. Thornton, for revising and compiling I. O. O. F. Code.....	2,000 00
2741	H. A. Stone, for examination of Code.....	42 84
2742	J. R. Kewley, for examination of Code.....	45 60
2743	C. F. Mansfield, for examination of Code	92 54
2744	Calumet Book & Engraving Co., for printing 2,000 copies Illinois Code, I. O. O. F.....	1,794 80
2745	Edward Craig, for services Special Deputy No. 248 under C. F. Mansfield..	3 73
2746	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for November salary.....	83 33
2747	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, stenographer for November.	40 00
2748	Elvin Miller, for typewriter for Grand Master, allowed by Grand Lodge.....	100 00
2749	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies ..	738 00
2779	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies...	27 50
2780	W. E. Carlin, for expenses as Chief of Instructors.....	9 65
2781	John R. Camp, Chairman, for Mileage and Per Diem Committee meeting.....	30 90
2782	Etta M. Springer, Treasurer, for balance Rebekah tax on hand January 1, 1898.....	50 80
2799	Illinois State Register, for Grand Lodge stationery and circular letters.....	13 24
2800	Illinois State Journal, for Grand Lodge stationery.....	48 35
2801	Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co., for Grand Lodge circular letter.....	2 03
2802	R. K. Dewey, for Special Deputy Cobden Lodge, No. 452.	18 18
2803	Ed. F. Hartmann, for part payment of printing Grand Lodge Journal.....	500 00
2804	Ed. F. Hartmann, for balance on Grand Lodge Journal, Daily Journal, and stationery.....	670 74
2806	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies...	280 00
2807	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for December...	83 33

2808	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for stenographer for December	$40 00
2821	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for current expenses for November and December	36 60
2822	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	405 00
2823	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for January	83 33
2824	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for stenographer for January	40 00
2825	James R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for salary for first quarter	500 00
2826	John H. Sikes, Assistant Grand Secretary, for salary for first quarter	250 00
2827	Emma Graham, for stenographer for Grand Secretary, first quarter	90 00
2828	James R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for current expenses, first quarter (see Grand Secretary's Report)	800 63
2829	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for postage	20 00
2855	R. W. S. Wheatley, Chairman, for mileage and per diem, Judiciary and Appeals Committee, February session	90 85
2863	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for February	83 33
2864	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for stenographer for February	40 00
3114	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	285 50
2886	Peabody Lodge, No. 613, I. O. O. F., for bill allowed by Grand Lodge	156 00
2887	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for current expenses for February	22 60
2888	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	183 00
2889	W. A. Shadbolt, Secretary, for benefit of R. J. Osman.	100 00
2890	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies	100 00
2891	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for March, 1898,	83 33
2892	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for stenographer, for March, 1898	40 00
2924	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Representative Tax for 1898	150 00
2925	James R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for salary for second quarter	500 00
2926	John H. Sikes, Assistant Grand Secretary, for salary for second quarter	250 00
2927	Emma Graham, for salary as stenographer to Grand Secretary, second quarter	90 00
2928	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for April, 1898	83 33
2929	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for stenographer, April, 1898	40 00
2930	James R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for current expenses, second quarter (see Grand Secretary's report)	466 07
2947	R. K. Dewey, for services Special Deputy to Shawneetown	20 25
2948	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for expenses for April	10 55
2949	Jacob Krohn, chairman for expenses Finance Committee meeting	72 50

2974	R. W. S. Wheatley, chairman, for mileage and per diem Judiciary and Appeals Committee, May session.....	$67 75
2975	Jno. P. Merlcels, for translating German Journal.....	61 20
2976	Max Stern & Co., for printing 150 copies German Journal.....	469 20
2978	R. K. Dewey, for Special Deputy for Amity Lodge, No. 32	10 48
2979	J. A. Wilson, for services Special Deputy, closing No. 284, Rebekah.....	5 00
2980	Ed F. Hartmann, for Grand Lodge stationery.....	78 05
2981	Ed F. Hartmann, for printing 1,000 extra majority reports, Old Folks' Home.....	20 00
2982	Illinois State Journal Co., for Grand Lodge stationery,	49 49
2983	Illinois State Register Co., for Grand Lodge letters and stationery	51 75
2984	J. Frank Grant, Secretary, for Grand Lodge supplies...	728 50
3001	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for May.....	83 33
3002	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for stenographer for May..	40 00
3034	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for current expenses, postage, etc.....	14 35
3035	American Bank Note Co., for 200 charters.....	55 00
3044	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for June.....	83 33
3045	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for stenographer for June.	40 00
3070	James Eccles, for expenses closing Baldwin, No. 797....	10 33
3071	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for July, 1898 ..	83 33
3072	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for stenographer for July, 1898.....	40 00
3073	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for current expenses for July, postage, etc.....	24 57
3106	James R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for current expenses third quarter (see Grand Secretary's Report)..	290 76
3107	James R. Miller, Grand Secretary, for salary for third quarter.....	500 00
3108	John H. Sikes, Assistant Grand Secretary, for salary for third quarter.....	250 00
3109	Emma Graham, stenographer, for salary for third quarter.....	90 00
3110	John R. Camp, Chairman Printing Committee, for expenses to Springfield, account Grand Lodge printing..	8 28
3111	R. W. S. Wheatley, Chairman, Judiciary and Appeals Committee mileage and per diem, August session ...	90 85
3112	R. K. Dewey, for official visit to Jessie Rebekah, 528..	4 38
3113	C. Ripley Tuttle, for expenses closing Humboldt Park Rebekah, 164.....	10 00
3143	Ed. F. Hartmann, for Grand Lodge stationery.	13 05
3140	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for August, 1898, salary....	83 33
3141	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for stenographer for August, 1898.....	40 00
3142	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for postage, telegrams and supplies.....	9 71
3144	Illinois State Register Co., for Grand Lodge stationery.	35 27

3145	Illinois State Journal Co., for printing reports of Judiciary and Appeals Committee	$29 80
3156	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for Sept., 1898	83 33
3157	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, for salary for stenographer for September	40 00
3194	Jno. R. Camp, chairman, for expenses meeting in Chicago, October 4th	41 04
3195	Jno. R. Camp, chairman, for special trip to Springfield on Grand Lodge printing	8 28
3196	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, salary for October, 1898	83 33
3197	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, stenographer for Oct., 1898	40 00
3198	C. J. Lindly, Grand Master, expenses and postage for September	11 75
3199	Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary, salary for fourth quarter	500 00
3200	John H. Sikes, Assistant Grand Secretary, salary for fourth quarter	250 00
3201	Emma Graham, stenographer Grand Secretary's office, fourth quarter	90 00
3202	Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary, current expenses, fourth quarter (see Grand Secretary's Report)	300 40
3203	Etta M. Springer, Treasurer Rebekah Assembly, profits on 27 Rebekah charters	422 28
	Total disbursements	$32,367 20
	Appropriation transferred to Orphans' Home account	25,000 00
	Donations received first six months last year, transferred to Old Folks' Home account	252 40
	Donations received last six months last year, transferred to Old Folks' Home account	163 25
	Donations received first six months this year, transferred to Old Folks' Home account	1,805 88
	Donations received last six months this year, transferred to Old Folks' Home account	5,155 77
	Defunct Lodge funds received first six months last year, transferred to Defunct Lodge Fund account	327 51
	Defunct Lodge funds received last six months last year, transferred to Defunct Lodge Fund account	36 05
	Amount received this year from defunct lodges, transferred to Defunct Lodge Fund account	136 01
	November 3, 1898, by cash on hand to balance	16,576 91
		$81,820 98

DEFUNCT LODGES FUND.

1898	*Dr.*	
Nov. 3.	To amount received first six months last year transferred from General Fund	$327 51
Nov. 3.	To amount received last six months last year transferred from General Fund	36 05
Nov. 3.	To amount received the past year transferred from General Fund	136 01
		$499 57
1898.	*Cr*	
Nov. 3.	By cash on hand to balance	$499 57

SPECIAL RELIEF FUND.

1897	*Dr.*	
Nov. 5.	To balance on hand	5,630 60
" 22.	To interest paid by P. G. M. Mansfield	18 00
1898		
Oct. 1.	To one year's interest on $3,000 U. S. 4 per cent bonds	120 00
		$5,768 60
1898	*Cr.*	
Feb. 3.	By order paid Staunton Lodge for assistance invalid Sister	$25 00
Nov. 3.	By U. S. 4 per cent. government bonds on hand	3,000 00
" 3.	By cash on hand to balance	2,743 60
		$5,768 60

ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

1897	*Dr.*	
Dec. 13.	To cash received from J. W. Yantis, Secretary	$336 03
1898		
Jan. 25.	" " " " "	230 05
Feb. 14.	" " " " "	217 12
Mar. 18.	" " " " "	334 65
Apr. 11.	" " " " "	39 18
May 12.	" " " " "	72 76
June 22.	" " " " "	223 23
July 12.	" " " " "	86 00
Sept. 3.	" " " " "	56 30
" 16.	" " " " "	254 25
Oct. 7.	" " " " "	43 09
" 20.	To appropriation transferred from General Fund	25,000 00
		$26,892 66

Grand Treasurer.

Cr.

By orders paid, issued by Grand Master and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, as follows:

For vouchers issued in November, 1897		$1,044 05
" "	December, 1897	2,034 12
" "	January, 1898	1,204 74
" "	February, 1898	1,239 58
" "	March, 1898	1,362 41
" "	April, 1898	1,577 27
" "	May, 1898	1,392 14
" "	June, 1898	1,544 80
" "	July, 1898	2,452 78
" "	August, 1898	1,821 08
" "	September, 1898	3,065 15
" "	October, 1898	1,982 68
Total disbursements		$20,720 80
By amount overpaid by Grand Treasurer last year		968 21
Oct. 20, 1898. By cash on hand to balance		5,203 65
		$26,892 66

NOTE.—For a more detailed statement of disbursements on Home orders, see Grand Treasurer's itemized report, annexed.

SPECIAL HOME FUND OF REBEKAH LODGES WORKING IN GERMAN LANGUAGE.

	Dr.	
1897.		
Oct. 20.	To balance on hand	$451 47
Dec. 13.	To cash received from Committee of Cook County Association, balance of fountain fund	229 00
1898.		
Oct. 20.	To interest on funds loaned	5 46
		$685 93

	Cr.	
1898.		
Oct. 20.	By one 5 per cent. school bond on hand	500 00
Oct. 20.	By U. S. Government 3 per cent. bonds on hand	180 00
Oct. 20.	Cash on hand to balance	5 93
		$685 93

OLD FOLKS' HOME FUND.

Dr.

1897.		
Nov. 4.	To balance on hand	$11,637 49
1898.		
Jan. 31.	To cash donations by Mattoon Brothers	1,800 00
June 7.	Received from H. Braumoeller, Secretary, Chicago, balance proceeds entertainment and ball given Feb. 19, 1897	46 17
Nov. 1.	Donations received first six months last year, transferred from general fund	252 40
Nov. 1.	Donations received last six months last year, transferred from general fund	163 25
Nov. 1.	Donations received first six months this year, transferred from general fund	1,805 88
Nov. 1.	Donations received last six months this year, transferred from general fund	5,155 77
		$20,860 96

Cr.

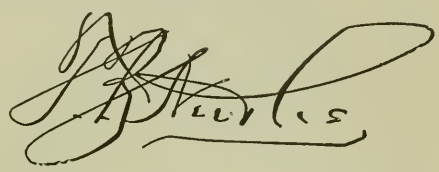
By orders paid, issued by Grand Master and countersigned by the Grand Secretary as follows:

For vouchers issued in November, 1897	$104 61
" " January, 1898	92 96
" " February, 1898	120 51
" " April, 1898	77 00
" " May, 1898	4,367 06
" " June, 1898	4,707 66
" " August, 1898	2,690 12
" " September, 1898	585 60
" " October, 1898	5,581 15
Total disbursements	$18,326 67
Nov. 1, 1898: By cash on hand to balance	2,534 29
	$20,860 96

SUMMARY.

Cash in General Fund	$16,576 91
" Old Folks' Home Fund	2,534 29
" Special Relief Fund	2,743 60
" Special Orphans' Home Fund of Rebekah Lodges working in German language	5 93
" Defunct Lodges' Fund	499 57
" Orphans' Home Fund	5,203 65
U. S. 4 per cent. bonds in Special Relief fund	3,000 00
Bonds in Special Orphans' Home Fund of Rebekah Lodges working in German language	680 00
Total Funds on hand November 3, 1898	$31,243 95

Fraternally submitted.



NASHVILLE, ILLINOIS,
November 3, 1898.

Grand Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report.

REPORT OF OLD FOLKS' HOME FUND.

1897		*Dr.*	
Nov.	1.	To balance on hand	$11,637 49
1898			
Jan.	31.	To cash donations by Mattoon Brothers	1,800 00
June	7.	To cash received from H. Braumoeller, Chicago, balance proceeds entertainment and ball given February 19, 1897	46 17
Nov.	1.	Donations received first six months last year, transferred from General Fund	252 40
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			$20,860 96

Cr.

By orders paid, issued by the Grand Master and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, as follows:

NO.		FOR VOUCHER NO.	AM'T.
2726	W. R. Jewell, Secretary, expense of last meeting, 1897.	21	$104 61
2809	W. R. Jewell, extra expense, meeting of October, 1897	22	7 02
2810	E. J. Hodgson, expense of labor	23	10 59
2811	Peoria Herald, advertising for bids	24	3 00
2812	Pantagraph Printing Co., advertising for bids	25	4 85
2813	Hawsher & Calhoun, advertising for bids	26	3 00
2814	Chicago Times-Herald, advertising for bids	27	28 00
2815	Jos. H. Clark, for insurance	28	18 00
2816	H. A. Stone, expense attending meeting December, 1897	29	2 50
2817	J. H. Raible, expense attending meeting December, 1897	30	3 25
2818	W. R. Jewell, expense attending meeting December, 1897	31	3 00
2819	C. F. Mansfield, expense attending meeting December, 1897	32	7 00
2820	C. M. Lytle, expense attending meeting December, 1897	33	2 75

2854	Jas. R. Miller, printing and postage	41	$24 31
2856	J. H. Raible, expense attending meeting January, 1898	34	2 00
2857	H. A. Stone, expense attending meeting January, 1898	35	3 00
2858	C. F. Mansfield, expense attending meeting January, 1898	36	3 00
2859	C. M. Lytle, expense attending meeting January, 1898	37	2 50
2860	C. M. Lytle, letter-heads	38	3 50
2861	John Aubert, surveying farm	39	74 75
2862	Danville News, printing and postage	40	7 45
2931	C. F. Mansfield, labor, trans., hotel and telegrams.	42	13 00
2932	Catharine Hoefer, expense, meeting of April 5th	43	3 50
2933	Irene Reeve, expense, meeting of April 5th	44	3 50
2934	Jennie A. Ticknor, expense, meeting of April 5th.	45	3 50
2935	J. H. Raible, expense, meeting of April 5th	46	4 00
2936	Nellie L. Harris, expense, meeting of April 5th	47	3 75
2937	Etta M. Springer, expense, meeting of April 5th	48	3 50
2938	W. R. Jewell, expense, meeting of April 5th	49	2 75
2939	Henry A. Stone, expense, meeting of April 5th	50	4 00
2940	C. M. Lytle, expense, meeting of April 5th	51	4 00
2941	Jas. H. Clark, extending abstract	52	2 00
2942	Alton Telegraph, advertising for bids	53	7 50
2943	Alton Sentinel-Democrat, advertising for bids	54	7 50
2944	Danville News, advertising for bids	55	7 00
2945	H. C. Sinsabaugh & Co, teams to farm	56	4 50
2946	Hamsher & Calhoun, advertising for bids	57	3 00
2977	C. M. Lytle, Secretary, for contingent expenses	58	250 00
2985	Hugh Miller, ditching and laying tile	59	93 56
2986	C. M. Lytle, paid Hugh Miller, tiling	60	70 00
2987	A. C. Loomis, survey for tiling	61	6 00
2988	Frank P. Coppage, labor, services and music for laying of corner-stone	62	15 00
2989	Bullard & Cope, first payment on contract	63	3,825 00
2990	E. J. Hodgson, superintending architect	64	67 00
2991	Etta M. Springer, expense, meeting May 25th	65	4 50
2992	Catherine Hoefer, expense, meeting May 25th	66	4 00
2993	Nellie L. Harrris, expense, meeting May 25th	67	4 00
2994	Jennie Ticknor, expense, meeting May 25th	68	4 00
2995	Irene Reeve, expense, meeting May 25th	69	4 00
2996	J. H. Raible, expense, meeting May 25th	70	4 00
2997	H. A. Stone, expense, meeting May 25th	71	4 00
2998	C. M. Lytle, expense, meeting May 25th	72	4 00
2999	W. R. Jewell, expense, meeting May 25th	73	4 00
3000	C. F. Mansfield, expense, meeting May 25th	74	4 00
3036	Mattoon Tile Co., for drain tile	75	114 42

3037	E. J. Hodgson, postage, telegram and express	77	$5 71
3038	Bullard & Cope, second payment on contract	76	4,462 50
3039	E. J. Hodgson, superintending architect	78	78 75
3040	W. R. Humphrey, advertising for bids	79	7 35
3041	Andrews Bros., lumber for ditches	79½	24 48
3042	Thos. Donnell, stones to mark boundaries	80	5 70
3043	C. M. Lytle, postage, printing and paper-case	81	8 75
3096	J. H. Raible, expense, attending meeting, June	83	2 50
3097	C. F. Mansfield, expense, attending meeting, June	84	3 50
3098	C. M. Lytle, expense, attending meeting, June	85	2 00
3099	W. T. Purtill, advertising for rent of farm	86	3 00
3100	Bullard & Cope, third payment on contract	87	2,152 20
3101	E. J. Hodgson, surperintending architect	89	46 32
3102	J. H. Raible, expense of July meeting	90	2 50
3103	H. A. Stone, expense of July meeting	91	2 00
3104	C. M. Lytle, expense of July meeting	92	3 50
3105	Capen & Son, first payment on contract	88	472 60
3146	L. B. Capen & Son, second payment on contract	94	377 40
3147	E. J. Hodgson, superintending, architect	95	44 70
3148	Spitler, Noble & Co., for insurance	96	75 00
3149	J. J. Beall, for insurance	97	75 00
3150	Henry A. Stone, expense, meeting, August	98	3 50
3151	C. F. Mansfield, expense, meeting, August	99	1 50
3152	C. M. Lytle, expense, meeting, August	100	3 00
3153	C. J. Lindly, expense, meeting, August	101	2 00
3154	Jennie A. Ticknor, expense, meeting, August	102	3 50
3155	Bullard & Cope, fourth payment on contract	93	2,156 00
3158	Bullard & Cope, fifth payment on contract	103	2,640 70
3159	R. G. Capen & Son, third payment on contract	104	680 00
3160	E. J. Hodgson, superintending architect	105	58 45
3161	Spitler, Noble & Co., for insurance	106	30 00
3162	J. M. Reed, for serving notices	107	5 00
3163	W. R. Jewell, expense, September meeting	108	2 50
3164	C. F. Mansfield, expense, September meeting	109	2 50
3165	J. H. Raible, expense, September meeting	110	2 50
3166	C. M. Lytle, expense, September meeting	111	3 50
	Total disbursements		$18,326 67
	By cash on hand to balance		2,534 29
			$20,860 96

T. B. Needles,
Grand Treasurer.

Nashville, Illinois,
November 1, 1898.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN—The Sovereign Grand Lodge met in its seventy-fourth annual session at Boston, September 19-24, 1898.

The officials and citizens of the State of Massachusetts and of the City of Boston made us welcome by the extension of every courtesy. An excursion to historic old Salem, a sermon by Edward Everett Hale, receptions, banquets, endless decorations, and a parade more elaborate, perhaps, than ever before given in honor of our great Order, were the main features of a week well filled with matters of public interest.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge opened with the following members present:

Officers.

FRED CARLETON	Texas	Grand Sire.
A. S. PINKERTON	Massachusetts	Deputy Grand Sire.
J. FRANK GRANT	Maryland	Grand Secretary.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE	Pennsylvania	Grand Treasurer.
ELVIN J. CURRY	Maryland	Asst. Grand Sec'y.
REV. J. W. VENABLE	Kentucky	Grand Chaplain.
R. G. FLOYD	Arkansas	Grand Marshal.
E. D. HOGE	Utah	Grand Guardian.
C. H. LYMAN	Ohio	Grand Messenger.

Past Grand Sires.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS	New York.
MILTON J. DURHAM	Kentucky.
JOHN H. WHITE	New York.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD	Kentucky.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE	North Carolina.
CL. T. CAMPBELL	Ontario, Canada.
JOHN W. STEBBINS	New York.

and Representatives from all Grand Jurisdictions.

From the report of Grand Sire Carleton we quote his statement as to the

General Condition of the Order.

While the membership of the Order has not increased during the period covered by this report to the extent that was desired, yet there is much to encourage us, for the country where the great bulk of our membership is to be found has not entirely recovered from the financial and business depression of the last few years, which accounts, to a large extent, for our increase not being larger than it is. The membership of the Subordinate Lodges shows a very substantial increase, as does also that of the Degree of Rebekah, while the Encampment branch, notwithstanding the remedial legislation of the last two sessions of your body, shows a small decrease.

The condition of our Order in Europe and other lands not on the continent of North America is good, and will be more fully discussed under the head of International affairs.

The following shows, in a condensed shape, the statistics and conditions as to membership, revenues and expenditures of the various branches of the Order, save of the Patriarch's Militant, of which I have not the figures, on the dates indicated, and was prepared from the last annual reports made to Grand Secretary Grant:

RETURNS FOR YEARS 1896 AND 1897.

	December 31, 1896.	December 31, 1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	56	55	.....	1
Subordinate Lodges	11,145	11,229	84	.....
Rebekah Lodges	4,567	4,796	229	.....
Grand Encampments	51	51	.....	.....
Subordinate Encampments	2,648	2,633	.....	15
Lodge Initiations	60,146	59,136	.....	1,010
Lodge Members	806,055	814,339	8,284	.....
Encampment Members	130,732	127,917	.....	2,815
Rebekah Members	281,041	297,691	16,650	.....
Relief by Lodges	$3,067,965 81	$3,047,285 15	.....	$20,680 66
Relief by Encampments	274,209 99	265,965 52	.....	8,244 47
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	51,059 83	51,378 74	$318 91	.....
Total Relief	3,393,235 63	3,364,629 41	.....	28,696 22
Revenue of Lodges	7,570,025 98	7,810,175 82	240,149 84	.....
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges	886,202 26	432,907 94	.....	453,294 32
Total Revenue	9,058,646 79	8,846,259 90	.....	212,386 89

Decisions of Grand Sire Carleton as Amended and Approved.

SUBORDINATE LODGE DECISIONS.

1. *Question.*—What is the status of Lodge property on the dissolution of the Lodge? Does it belong to the Grand Lodge? If so, in what way could the Lodge possess itself of the real estate in case of opposition on the part of any member of the defunct Lodge or otherwise? Is there anything to prevent a Lodge, while in existence, sell-

ing its real estate if it chooses so to do? Must it have authority from the Grand Lodge under which it works? *Answer.*—On the dissolution of a Subordinate Lodge, its property becomes at once the property of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, and the Grand Lodge, if such Subordinate Lodge owned real estate, could proceed to take possession of it as a private individual could; if, however, any member of such defunct Lodge was in actual possession of it, a suit to recover it would become necessary. It is usual for Lodges, both Subordinate and Grand, to be incorporated under the civil laws of their several states, and such Grand Lodge should sue in the corporate name. Not being familiar with the laws and procedure of the civil courts of Vermont, can not further advise you as to the method of procedure, but any good lawyer of your state could point out the remedy of the Grand Lodge. Subordinate Lodges, while in existence, have the right to dispose of any real estate they may own without asking or obtaining permission of the Grand Lodge to do so.

2. *Question.*—On what terms can one who in 1866 was initiated and received the first and second degrees, be received now into membership? *Answer.*—If an Ancient Odd Fellow, by depositing his card, or making other satisfactory proof of his former connection with the Order, and by paying the sum fixed by the by-laws of the Lodge for the admission of an Ancient Odd Fellow, and by being admitted by a ball ballot as prescribed for an Initiate.

3. *Question.*—Does the official receipt entitle a brother to admittance into a Lodge within his own jurisdiction without the semi-annual pass-word, or is it necessary for a brother holding an official receipt to have a semi-annual pass-word in order to be entitled to admission? *Answer.*—A brother seeking admission into a Lodge within his own jurisdiction, must give the semi-annual pass-word given out by the Grand Master of the jurisdiction; or, if he produces an official certificate or receipt, the A. T. P. W. No brother can be admitted to a Lodge, whether or not he has a visiting card or an official certificate, unless he has one or the other of these words. Only his own Lodge can admit him without one or the other word; and no Lodge except his own should so admit him.

4. *Question.*—Has a jurisdiction that licenses one insurance company, formed from members in its own state, any right to say that a company from another state shall not do business in that state? *Answer.*—It has not, provided always that the company so refused has complied with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and obtained authority from its officers to do business.

5. *Question.*—Can a jurisdiction make any discrimination as to the companies it will license, provided it license any, and the company produce a license from the Sovereign Grand Lodge? In other words,

has the subordinate grand jurisdiction any discretion as to the companies it will license, provided the company has the Sovereign Grand Lodge license? *Answer.*—It has not.

[Questions 4 and 5 were approved with the following qualification and modification: If the "insurance company formed from members in its own state," referred to in said decisions, belonged to the class of "voluntary associations or small corporations" and "confining their operations to towns, cities, or jurisdictions in which they are located and not seeking to do general insurance business," then and in that case the Grand Lodge of such jurisdiction is not required to grant a license or permit to a company from another state or jurisdiction. See Digest of 1895, Sec. 591; also, Vol. 18, Journal of 1895, pages 14,435 to 14,438, and 14,470, 14,571.]

6. *Question.*—If a brother steps up to the Secretary to pay his dues and assessments and says nothing about a receipt, has the Secretary a right to give him any other than the official certificate? *Answer.*—He has not; if any acknowledgement is given in writing or on any printed form, it must be given on the form of the official certificate.

7. *Question.*—If a lodge agrees to transact business between the Lodge and its members, relative to their dues and assessments, without the use of the official certificate, and the brother does not care for a receipt, has the Lodge a right to evade the law by so doing? *Answer.*—When a member pays any money to his Lodge for dues or assessments and does not desire any written acknowledgment for such payment, he need not be given such acknowledgment; but if he does ask for such an acknowledgment, the financial secretary must issue to him an official certificate, showing the amount he has paid. When such evidence is demanded, no other form can be used than what is known as the official certificate. The third resolution of the report of the Committee on Legislation, as amended and adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shows plainly what the laws on the subject are, said resolution reading as follows: "That hereafter the official receipt (certificate) shall be designated as the 'official certificate,' and shall be issued in all cases where members pay dues and assessments to Subordinate Bodies, and *shall request a receipt*, and that such change be made in the form and matter as to make it plain and distinct, with ample space for necessary signatures, and a line for the location of the body issuing it, and the date."

8. *Question.*—Is a member who is one month, or even one day, in arrears for dues or assessments, in good standing, so as to be entitled to Sick Benefits? *Answer.*—No: but the length of time and the amount of dues to constitute a brother in arrears is a matter of local legislation.

9. *Question.*—A vacancy having occurred in the office of Degree Master of a Degree Lodge during the term, is the Deputy Degree

Master eligible to fill the vacancy? Both Degree Master and Deputy Degree Master are installed into office with the same ceremony as the Noble Grand and Vice Grand of a Subordinate Lodge. *Answer.*—If the Deputy Degree Master would have been eligible to fill the position of Degree Master, had he not been Deputy Degree Master, the fact that he was already Deputy Degree Master would not have disqualified him from being elected to fill such office, the vacancy occurring during the term.

10. *Question.*—The question you propounded is in regard to the apparent conflict between the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of your jurisdiction (Lower Provinces) and the by-laws of a Subordinate Lodge of such jurisdiction, the Constitution providing that applications for membership shall be referred to a committee of three, "who shall report upon the application upon the next succeeding regular meeting (unless unavoidable circumstances prevent), when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots," etc. The by-laws of the Subordinate Lodge, which have been legally approved, provide, "When the report shall have been submitted to the Lodge, action shall be deferred until the next regular session, or from time to time, until any doubt as to the fitness of the candidate may be determined." *Answer.*—In my judgment, there is no conflict between the Constitution and the by-laws quoted; in many instances the word may is construed to mean shall, owing to the nature of the context, and in the same manner where the word shall is used it may not always be mandatory, but the remainder of the sentence may be looked to to interpret the true meaning. In my judgment, therefore, the language of the Constitution does not mean to inhibit a Lodge from postponing action on a report of an investigating committee on an application for membership, for the language used by it in brackets, showing that it being (unless unforeseen circumstances prevent), and of course such unforeseen circumstances must be judged of by the Lodge itself; and certainly a Lodge would have the inherent right, as shown by the law as quoted in White's Digest, Art. 649, to postpone consideration of any committee report where they may deem it advisable or proper. The Lodge having then the right, even under the language of the Constitution, to postpone action on the report of a committee on application for "unavoidable circumstances," of which it is the sole judge, it can provide in its by-laws, that all committee reports on applications shall not be considered until another session, and if these by-laws, as in this case, are approved by the Grand Lodge or its authority, it amounts to an interpretation of the meaning of the apparent mandatory language of the Constitution. I therefore decide that there is no conflict between the constitutional provision quoted and the article of the by-laws.

11. *Question.*—Is it optional, or obligatory, with a Lodge to indicate in a withdrawal card the rank of the member withdrawing? *Answer.*

—It is imperative with a Lodge granting a withdrawal card to state in it the highest rank the brother has attained in the Lodge; especially is this the case when such a brother demands such statement. The law as contained in Sec. 157, White's Digest, clearly settles this question.

13. *Question.*—Have the Past Grands of any prescribed territory the right to organize themselves into an Association, taking the name, or any similar one, of a "Past Grands' Association of——?" *Answer.*—The question is one of considerable doubt, as there seems to be a discrepancy between the law as written and strictly construed, and the usage and practice: although I think the discrepancy is more apparent than real. The law prohibits conventions of members of the Order to influence legislation, as well as the organization of any body not authorized by the law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which shall require, as a requisite for membership, good standing in the Order. The Sovereign Grand Lodge, however, has rather encouraged the formation of Odd Fellows Organizations for social purposes, as witness the Past Grand Representatives' Union, composed of those who have been Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and of which organization the Junior Past Grand Sire is always the President; also, the organization of Associations of Past Grand Masters, which exist in many Jurisdictions, one such being, I understand, in Ohio. These social organizations already being in existence, I can see no very good reason, nor, indeed, do I find any positive enactment, prohibiting Past Grands within any designated territory from forming themselves into a social organization, provided they do not attempt to usurp any legislative functions which must belong to recognized bodies of the Order. I therefore come to the conclusion that it is permissible for Past Grands of any prescribed territory to form a Past Grands' Association, unless such is positively forbidden expressly by the Subordinate Grand Jurisdiction: and certainly they should be allowed to do so, with the consent of such jurisdiction.

14. *Question.*—Does continuous good standing as applied to qualifications for a Veteran Jewel demand that a brother to be entitled to a Veteran Jewel shall not be at any time during the twenty-five years' period, in arrears for dues to his Subordinate Lodge: or if a member failed once only during the twenty-five years to pay his dues as required by the by-laws of his Lodge, and thereby became in bad standing, and not entitled to benefits for any sickness, would this fact disqualify him from receiving the Veteran Jewel? *Answer.*—It is my opinion that a fair and reasonable construction of the law relating to the Veteran Jewels is, that when a member of the Order has been continuously a member of a Subordinate Lodge and carried on its rolls, not having been suspended for any cause, that the fact that he may have been one or more years in arrears for his dues, thereby being temporarily deprived of the right to draw benefits during sick-

ness, does not deprive him of the right to receive and wear the Veteran Jewel. If he has been a member of a Subordinate Lodge, or Lodges, for twenty-five years without having been suspended, he has a right to the Jewel. It is further my decision, that where a brother has taken a withdrawal card from his Lodge, and has within twelve months thereafter deposited the same, and has been admitted to membership in another Subordinate Lodge, that the fact of such intermission in his active membership in a Lodge does not break his continuous membership in the Order so as to preclude him from claiming the Veteran Jewel. If, however, he permits more than twelve months to elapse from the date of taking his withdrawal card and depositing it in another Lodge, he then becomes an Ancient Odd Fellow, and breaks his continuous membership, and is not entitled to wear the Jewel. Of course, if after his second admission to a Lodge a period of twenty-five years of continuous membership intervenes, he is entitled to the Jewel.

15. *Question.*—Can a Lodge legally grant relief from its general fund to the widow of a member who died in bad standing, resulting from non-payment of dues? *Answer.*—Yes, when not prohibited by the State Grand Body.

16. *Question.*—Can a Lodge legally grant relief from its general fund to persons in distress outside of the Order? *Answer.*—It can not.

17. *Question.*—The Secretary of a Lodge retains moneys paid in as dues and uses them for his own purposes. After the Lodge learns the facts, it takes a note from the defaulting officer in settlement for the money. Can the Lodge, after such settlement, punish the brother for retaining said moneys? *Answer.*—Yes.

18. *Question.*—A brother sues the Lodge because of reduction in sick benefits; he loses his case. Has the Lodge the right to retain accruing benefits as a set-off for the cost in the case allowed the Lodge by the court? *Answer.*—As a general proposition, the Lodge has such a right, though this may not be the case in some jurisdictions, where the municipal law may otherwise provide.

19. *Question.*—Under the uniform Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of Colorado, it is provided that where there is but one candidate for an office "he may be declared elected by acclamation." Is such provision in conflict with general law? *Answer.*—It is not; the Grand Lodge of Colorado has a right to make such a provision in its Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges.

20. *Question.*—Is it legal to ballot on the application of a candidate for the first degree, the second degree, or the third degree, at a special meeting called for that purpose? *Answer,*—It is not, unless the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction has provided for such special meetings. In the absence of such authority, it would not be proper to ballot for any degree at a special meeting.

21. *Question.*—Can a Subordinate Lodge hold memorial services, in accordance with proclamation of the Grand Sire, which proclamation designates the second Tuesday in June, or on such other day as may be practicable, on a Sunday? *Answer.*—While our laws forbid the holding of Lodge meetings on Sunday for general or regular Lodge business, and such meetings are illegal, yet it is legal and proper for Subordinate Lodges to meet on Sunday to attend the funeral of a brother. I therefore think that the members of a Lodge, meeting to hold memorial services in honor of the worthy dead of the Order, and decorate their graves, is not only not illegal to be held on a Sunday, but that, for many reasons, is the most appropriate time. Of course, each Lodge must be the judge of which day is practicable for it to hold such services.

22. *Question.*—Can a Subordinate Lodge pass a resolution providing that if any of its members enlist in the present war between the United States and Spain, that their dues and assessments will be paid by the Lodge, out of the treasury, so that said members may be kept in good standing until their return home? *Answer.*—Under our laws, a Lodge cannot remit dues, nor can it draw money from its treasury to pay dues for any class of members, no matter how meritorious such members may be. Therefore, I decide the question asked in the negative, with this qualification, however, that a Lodge may, out of the 5 per cent. fund which it is authorized to set apart for any purpose it may see proper, pay the dues of any class of its members.

23. *Statement.*—The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Art. X, Sec. 1, reads as follows: "This Constitution shall not be altered, amended or annulled, unless a proposition to that effect be made in writing at a regular communication, and laid over until the next annual communication, and adopted by a majority of three-fourths of the members present." At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of South Carolina in 1896, a committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and to report to the next annual communication. The committee reported at the annual communication in 1897, and made various changes in our Constitution and By-Laws. Their report was adopted by the Grand Lodge. *Question.*—Is the adoption of the committee report legal, or should it have lain over till the next annual communication? *Answer.*—Its adoption at the time was illegal. It should have lain over for one year, or until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. See Sec. 428, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

25. *Question.*—Has a Grand Master the right to grant a dispensation to one or more Lodges to solicit subscriptions from the members of the Order throughout its jurisdiction for the purpose of erecting a monument to a worthy member of the Order? *Answer.*—He has the right to give such permission, provided the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction has passed no law declaring that permission to solicit aid for

any purpose must be granted by the Grand Lodge only. That a Grand Lodge or a Grand Master, unless prohibited by such Grand Lodge, may grant permission to a Lodge to solicit aid even for an individual member, seems to have been decided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. See Secs. 1558, 1559, Digest of 1895.

26. *Question.*—When a Lodge elects a brother to membership, who makes application upon a Visiting Card, and certifies his election to the Lodge issuing the Visiting Card and asks for a Withdrawal Card, should not the Noble Grand and Secretary immediately issue a card without action by the Lodge, all fees and dues being paid, unless charges are preferred? By analogy, will not the law that requires a Dismissal Certificate to be issued without action of the Lodge govern in this case? *Answer.*—Were this an original question, that is, one that had never been actually passed upon by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I would hold that, under the fact stated, the Noble Grand and Secretary should issue the Withdrawal Card without any action of the Lodge directing them so to do, were it not for the fact that the decision of Grand Sire Busbee, made in 1891, holds, "It is necessary that the Lodge to which a brother applies for membership should notify the Lodge issuing the Visiting Card of his election; and thereupon the *brother* must apply for the necessary Withdrawal Card or Dismissal Certificate; but the Secretary of the Lodge may apply for such card or certificate, at the instance and by the authority of the brother." See White's Digest, Sec. 669, edition of 1895. This contemplates clearly that an application shall be made to the *Lodge* and not to an officer of the Lodge. The reason for compelling an application to be made to the Lodge probably was that it was thought possible that a brother, after obtaining a Visiting Card, might have been guilty of some improper conduct, and that the Lodge issuing such card should have the right to inquire into such matter before giving the Withdrawal Card. I therefore hold that a Lodge must by its action grant the card, and that without such authorization the Noble Grand and Secretary can not issue it.

27. *Question.*—What action should be taken if a Lodge, on ballot being taken, refuses to grant a Withdrawal Card when a brother has been elected to membership in another Lodge upon application with a Visiting Card? *Answer.*—If the Visiting Card was regularly and legally issued, and no charges had been filed against the brother during the period between its issuance and the application for a Withdrawal Card, if the Lodge then refuses to issue it, it would be the duty of the Grand Master, if the facts were clear and undisputed, to direct the Lodge to issue such card.

ENCAMPMENT DECISIONS.

28. *Question.*—Whether the charters issued by the Grand Encampment of Maritime Provinces are duplicates of original charters issued

by the Grand Lodge of the United States (now Sovereign Grand Lodge), or are original charters? *Answer.*—They are not duplicates.

29. *Question.*—Whether the said charters so issued by the Grand Encampment, and which you have described are illegal? *Answer.*—They are not.

30. *Question.*—In instituting a new Encampment, when there is no Past Chief Patriarch among the applications for charter, must the Encampment do without a representative until they have a P. C. P., or would it be proper to elect one of their number to be so designated, that he may be the representative of the D. D. G. P. for the Encampment? *Answer.*—No Encampment has the right to elect a Patriarch as a representative to the Grand Encampment, except one who possesses the proper qualifications as a Past Chief Patriarch, or Past High Priest in jurisdictions in which, by their local law, a Past High Priest is qualified. The representative must possess the qualifications resulting from an actual service in the qualifying office. The Order of Odd Fellows has never recognized the right of a Subordinate to create by resolution any one as a Past Officer. Such Past Officer acquires his right only by reason of services. See Sections 495, 496 and 497, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

31. *Question.*—A member of the Encampment paid his dues for a year, and received an official receipt and the A. T. P. W. It now comes to the knowledge of the Encampment that he has been suspended by his Lodge for one year. He is in the far west, traveling, and can visit Encampments on his receipt, and the Encampment desires to know what they can do to prevent it. *Answer.*—I do not believe that there is any law which would authorize the Encampment to prevent the Patriarch visiting other Encampments under the circumstances mentioned in the question, nor can I see why the Encampment should desire to do so. It would seem from the statement that the Patriarch has been punished for some fault or offense by the Subordinate Lodge, by being suspended for a definite time. This action of the Lodge does not sever the connection of the brother with the Order, as does expulsion; and unless the Encampment tries him for the offense, whatever it may be, certainly he is not barred of his rights in such Encampment and of his right to visit, under a duly and legally issued official certificate.

32. *Question.*—If a brother is three months or more in arrears in his Subordinate Lodge, is he entitled to benefits in his Encampment, he being in good standing in the same? *Answer.*—He is so entitled, he not being suspended from his Lodge. He is still a member of his Subordinate Lodge, and his status as to dues in his Lodge does not affect his status in his Encampment, in which, if his standing is good, he is entitled to benefits just as other members of such Encampment in good standing are entitled to them.

E. S. Conway

Grand Representative.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

33. *Question.*—Can a Rebekah Lodge instituted the last of April elect and install officers in June, or should they hold over? *Answer.*—Where a Rebekah Lodge is organized and instituted during the last half of a term, say in April, the officers elected at the institution hold over during the June term, and the term for which they hold will be styled a special term. See Sections 1507, 1510, Digest of 1895.

34. *Question.*—Can the Grand Lodge delegate the power to the President of the Rebekah Assembly to act, *ad interim*, on appeals from Rebekah Lodges, with a proviso, that any Lodge or individual feeling aggrieved by such decision "shall appeal to the Grand Master, whose decisions must be final, until reversed by the Grand Lodge," or should the appeal be taken direct to the Grand Master for his decision? *Answer.*—The Grand Lodge, in my judgment, can so delegate its powers, and if it so delegates them, the appeal lies in the first place to the President of the Rebekah Assembly, with the right of appeal from her decision to the Grand Master.

35. *Question.*—Can the Grand Lodge delegate to the President of the Assembly power to act, ad interim (without the approval of the Grand Master), and render decisions and answer all questions of law and usage arising in Rebekah Lodges, and to stand as law until reviewed and passed upon by the Judiciary Committee at the succeeding Grand Lodge; or, should all questions of law and usage of Rebekah Lodges be submitted to the Grand Master for his decision? *Answer.*—It seems to me that the creating of Rebekah Assemblies, and formulating laws for them, clearly indicates that the design of the Sover-Grand Lodge was to allow them full power to govern Subordinate Rebekah Lodges, if the Grand Lodges of the several jurisdictions choose to clothe them with such power. I therefore answer by saying that the Grand Lodge can delegate such authority as you have named to the President of the Rebekah Assembly. See Sections 30 and 32, Rebekah Code.

36. *Question.*—Can the Grand Lodge delegate to the President of the Rebekah Assembly the authority, ad interim, to approve By-Laws of Subordinate Rebekah Lodges? *Answer.*—It can.

37. *Question.*—Can the President of the Rebekah Assembly, ad interim, grant dispensations to Rebekah Lodges, without the approval of the Grand Master? *Answer.*—She can, provided such authority has been granted by the Grand Lodge of her jurisdiction.

38. *Question.*—Has the Grand Lodge the power to grant the Rebekah Assembly the right to make a law that an appeal from Rebekah Lodges shall be made to the Rebekah Assembly? *Answer.*—That a Grand Lodge may grant such a right; the law as found in White's Digest, Art. 1,178, seems to have been repealed, by necessary impli-

cation, by the adoption of the Rebekah Code, adopted after the law as found in said article, and by the terms of such Rebekah Code. See Secs. 30 and 32 thereof. It seems to have been the intention to allow Grand Lodges to invest Rebekah Assemblies with a large amount of power to regulate the affairs of this branch of the Order. Sec. 32, providing that appeals from the "decision" or action of a Rebekah Assembly shall be made to the Grand Lodge of its jurisdiction, etc.

39. *Question.*—Can an expelled member of a Rebekah Lodge be reinstated without the permission of the Grand Master, or, in other words, will permission of the President of the Assembly be sufficient? *Answer.*—Under the law, as found in White's Digest, Art. 743, a Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction may confer the power on a Grand Master during the recess to grant a petition from a Subordinate Lodge to restore an expelled member to said Lodge. I therefore have to hold that, under the idea that Grand Lodges have the power to clothe Rebekah Assemblies with larger powers for the government of the Subordinate Rebekah Lodges, that if such general powers have been so conferred upon Rebekah Assemblies, that such Assemblies have the right to authorize and empower the President of such Assemblies to grant permission to restore expelled members of Subordinate Rebekah Lodges; but without such direct authority from the Assembly, no matter how undoubted may be the power of the Assembly to act in such matters, the President cannot grant such authority, no more than a Grand Master could in the absence of authority of his Grand Lodge.

40. *Question.*—Is there any rule of law to prevent a young Rebekah Lodge making up white robes for the team, as the sisters may elect to do, to be used in the work, pending the time the Lodge is able financially to buy something better? *Answer.*—There is not. Any Rebekah Lodge may, if it deem it proper, make up for themselves any regalia or robes, only such regalia must be as prescribed by the law.

41. *Question.*—Does the marriage of a Rebekah sister to one not an Odd Fellow in any way affect her standing as a Rebekah member? *Answer.*—It does not.

42. *Question.*—Should the Recording Secretary of Rebekah Lodges, or the Financial Secretary, sign the official certificate showing payment of dues? *Answer.*—When a Rebekah Lodge has a Financial Secretary, that officer should sign; if a Rebekah Lodge has no Financial Secretary, then the Secretary should sign.

43. *Question.*—If a Degree of Rebekah Lodge meets every week and wishes to meet only once every two weeks, will it be necessary for them to ask for a special dispensation? *Answer.*—Where the By-Laws of a Rebekah Lodge, duly approved by the competent authority, provide for weekly meetings, the Lodge can legally change the number of meetings from weekly to twice a month, by changing the By-Laws;

and where there is no provision that the President of the Rebekah Assembly shall have authority to approve amendments to By-Laws, they can only be approved by action of the Assembly. The regular time of meeting can not be altered or permitted by issuing a special dispensation, although a dispensation can be issued to such Lodge, and will be lawful, to hold a special meeting at a time not provided for in the By-Laws.

44. *Question*—Where the Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction authorizes the President of a Rebekah Assembly to appoint and commission Deputies for Rebekah Lodges, what should be the title of such Deputies? *Answer.*—The title of such officer is District Deputy President.

45. *Statement.*—A woman joins a Rebekah Lodge; some months after she moves to another town in the same jurisdiction, where she makes application to a Rebekah Lodge located there for admission by initiation. She is duly elected before it is learned by the last-named Lodge that she held membership in another Lodge. She never applied for nor received a card from the Lodge she first joined.

Question.—What is her status as a member? What law, if any, has she violated? What action or decree should the Grand Master make in this case? *Answer.*—She is still a member of the first Lodge she joined, never having legally become a member of the last-named Lodge. She is liable to have charges preferred against her in the first Lodge, and while she acted in possible ignorance of the law, of which the Lodge must be the judge on the trial, such ignorance, if proven, may be taken in mitigation of the offense, which is seeking to become a member of a Lodge by fraudulent misrepresentation. The Grand Master, after his attention has been called to the case, should direct the second Lodge to strike the name of the woman from the roll of membership and notify the Lodge to which she really belongs to prefer charges against her. I think in this case, if the woman erred through ignorance, it might be well, if she is otherwise worthy, for the first Lodge to ignore her offense, and ask her to apply for a withdrawal card, so that she can deposit it in the Lodge where she now resides. This would get the matter straight, and perhaps save a worthy woman to the Order. This last, however, is a mere suggestion, not official. My answer to the query is the law, as I construe it.

46. *Question.*—May a sister, a member of a Rebekah Lodge, prefer charges against a brother in his Subordinate Lodge, and would the Lodge have jurisdiction of the brother in the matter, and could it proceed to trial upon charges so preferred? *Answer.*—In the case you cite, the sister of a Rebekah Lodge can prefer charges against a brother of a Subordinate Lodge, but, in the absence of local legislation upon the subject, should first present such charges in the usual form to the Rebekah Lodge to which she is a member. Such Rebekah Lodge shall forthwith forward to the Lodge of which the accused is a member, a certified copy of the charges over the signature of the Noble

Grand and Secretary, and attested by the seal of the Lodge; and the Lodge to whom such charges are made shall proceed to hear and determine the same in like manner as if preferred by a member of its own body. See Sec. 1.624. White's Digest, edition of 1895. I hold that this article 1,624, applies as well to members of Rebekah Lodges as to other members of the Order, although they are not specifically mentioned in said article.

47. *Question.*—The legal title of Rebekah Lodges having been fixed as "Rebekah Lodges" by legislation enacted in 1891, can such Lodges instituted previous to that date continue to use a seal with any other title, such as "Daughters of Rebekah" Degree, etc? *Answer.*—Under the legislation referred to, the old designation of Rebekah Lodges was changed from Lodges of "Daughters of Rebekah" to "Rebekah Lodges," consequently, the seals used by such Lodges should conform to their style as so fixed. Therefore, I hold that it is not proper to use a seal with a designation of the name on it as it was before the name was changed. The Grand Master should call attention of Rebekah Lodges to this, and direct them to procure seals with the proper name and title. The use of a seal with the old name thereon, it seems to me, is improper, as it would be for a Lodge to use an old seal, after such Lodge has changed its name with assent of the Grand Lodge.

48. *Question.*—As to the right of the President of an Assembly, to whom has been granted the right to appoint and commission District Deputy Presidents, to formulate and give out the term pass-word? *Answer.*—That where such authority is given by the Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction, the President of the Assembly has such right. See Sec. 36 of the Code of Laws for the Government of Lodges, to be found on page 349, White's Digest, edition of 1895.

49. *Question.*—Has any jurisdiction the right to confer the Assembly Degree upon Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges, who are *not* Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges? *Answer.*—It has.

50. *Question.*--Must Rebekah Lodges go without representation in Assembly until they have a Past Noble Grand in good standing? *Answer.*—A Subordinate Grand Lodge has the right to authorize representation of Rebekah Lodges in the Rebekah Assembly by Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges who are members of Rebekah Lodges in good standing, as well as by Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges. In case such authority is given, a Rebekah Lodge having in its membership a Past Grand need not go without representation until it has a Past Noble Grand. In all cases a representative from a Rebekah Lodge to a Rebekah Assembly must possess the qualifications required by the law of the jurisdiction. If the Lodge has not among its members in good standing such qualified members, it may elect as its representative a member of another Rebekah Lodge, who does possess the requisite qualifications, if the local law so provides.

51. *Statement.*—The S. G. L. of 1896 approved the following decision of Grand Sire Stebbins, it being as follows: "Brothers in a Rebekah Lodge, no matter what their position, official or otherwise, can only wear the regalia of the Subordinate Lodge." At the session of 1897, the S. G. L. approved your decision, which is in direct contradiction to the one first voted, your decision being as follows: "When any one is elected to office in a Rebekah Lodge, whether male or female, they must wear the regalia provided by law for such office." The first decision was incorporated as law in Section 25 of the Rebekah Code, which remains the same to-day as in 1896.

Question.—Which decision takes precedence, the one approved in 1896 or 1897? Which is law now? *Answer.*—In answering the question, which I now do, I must first correct the statement, which is quoted just as it is submitted by the Representative, for it states as facts some things which are not so in a very important particular. *After* the decision of 1897 had been approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge (see page 15534, Journal of 1897), the Sovereign Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, which materially changed Section 25 of the Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges, striking out from the section the provision, "The brethren shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. The sisters shall wear regalia and jewels as follows," etc. The committee, in the report, after specifying the regalia to be worn by each elective and appointive officer, proceed as follows: "All of the foregoing shall apply to all officers and Past Noble Grands, irrespective of sex. Brethren who are not officers nor Past Noble Grands shall wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. Sisters who are not officers nor Past Noble Grands shall wear badges or collars of pink and green, not exceeding three inches in width." See Journal of 1897, page 15642, *et seq.* Thus the statement as made by the brother asking the decision is materially wrong as to the correct facts. To answer now the broad question I reply, that the Sovereign Grand Lodge having approved a decision of the Grand Sire which is, or appears to be, in conflict with a former decision of that officer, the last approved decision stands as existing law, until reversed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

PATRIARCHS MILITANT DECISIONS.

52. *Question.*—Can a Department Council make a law that the Junior Past President shall be the Vice-President of the Council? *Answer.*—I find nothing in the Code governing the Patriarchs Militant Councils which would prevent the adoption of such a rule by the several Councils. Section 105 provides who shall be the officers of the Council, specifying them, and proceeds to state that the Department Commander shall be President and the Assistant Adjutant General shall be Secretary; it further provides that there shall be a Vice-

President and a Treasurer, but does not specify how they shall be selected. I am of the opinion that it is as competent for the Council to say that some special officer shall be *ex-officio* Vice-President, as it may also say that some special officer shall be Treasurer.

53. *Question.*—Should a Canton nominate four or more names (for department commander), should they then take a vote on the four and the Chevalier receiving the largest or majority vote be the nominee of the Canton, or should the four be the nominees of the Canton? *Answer.*—Nominations for field officers and department commanders are made in Cantons by Chevaliers, not by Cantons. As I understand the law, each and every Chevalier has the right to place any qualified Chevalier in nomination for any position, and a majority of the Canton have no right to debar him from such privilege. This seems to me to be the correct rule, for it will be noted (See Secs. 60 and 61), that it is the Chevaliers of a Canton and not the Canton that vote. The sections are not as explicit as they might be, but as every Chevalier has the right to cast his vote for his choice, it seems to follow that he has a right to nominate the Chevalier of his choice, without reference to what may be the choice of a majority of the members of the Canton of which he is a member.

54. *Question.*—Has an active member of a Canton, not in uniform, a right to vote for officers? *Answer.*—He has not.

55. *Question.*—Has an honorary member a right to vote? *Answer.* He has not.

56. *Question.*—Should an active member, not in uniform, be admitted to a Canton meeting? *Answer.*—To obtain admission to any body of Odd Fellows, whether it be a Lodge, Encampment, Canton, or Rebekah Lodge, a member must be clothed in regalia; and as the regalia of the Canton is the uniform prescribed, therefore I decide that to obtain admission to a Canton meeting an active member must be in uniform.

57. *Question.*—Should an officer preside at an election who is a candidate for election? *Answer.*—Upon general principles of propriety he should not; but he has legal right to so preside.

58. *Question.*—Is it the duty of the Clerk of a Canton to preside at the election of officers? *Answer.*—I know of no law which makes it the duty of a Clerk of a Canton to preside at an election, nor do I know of any law which prohibits a Canton from passing a by-law authorizing a Clerk of a Canton to preside at such an election.

59. *Question.*—Has an active member, not in good standing on the books of his Canton, a right to vote for officers? *Answer.*—He has not.

60. *Question.*—A Chevalier is elected Captain of a Canton to fill a vacancy, within three months, and possibly less, of the installation. He is commissioned and assumes his duties and serves to the end of

the year (April 26), when he is not re-elected, but his successor is elected, commissioned, and installed. Can he obtain a retired commission as Past Captain? *Answer.*—The provisions of Sec. 80, Code for Government of Patriarchs Militant, provides, "Upon the surrender of his position, by resignation or otherwise, having an honorable record, *who shall have served half the length of time designated in his commission*, may obtain a retired commission," etc. It is a fact that this section seems to limit the right named to officers *above* the grade of Captain, but as Sec. 81 gives the right to obtain a retired commission to Past Captains, so construing the two sections together, I decide that the officer in the case cited is entitled to obtain a retired commission, he having served the full length of the term for which he was commissioned.

61. *Statement.*—In a Canton a countersign and department check-word are required of Chevaliers in order to entitle them to sit in a meeting of a Canton. The department check-word is the Subordinate Encampment password for the current term.

Question.—A Chevalier being without the department check-word, has the Department Commander the right to communicate it to him to enable him to remain at a Canton meeting? *Answer.*—He has.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

62. *Question.*—In the new Subordinate Ritual, a Rebekah sign is spoken of. Is this the same sign given in Rebekah work for recognizing brothers? *Answer.*—It is.

63. *Question.*—Does the decision, "It is a brother's right to vote a secret ballot" apply to a poll for the election of officers and representatives where written ballots are used? *Answer.*—It does.

64. *Question.*—Would a brother who endeavored to find out the names of those voting for the candidates be guilty of an offense under our laws? *Answer.*—He would not; it being understood that this answer applies only to voting for officers of the body, and not to balloting for candidates for admission, either by initiation or affiliation, in which last-named case the ballot must be secret, and no one has any right to endeavor to ascertain how any one other person voted.

65. *Question.*—A committee being appointed to investigate charge-against the "tellers or scrutineers" at an election for officers, can said committee order brothers voting at said election to expose the character of their votes and tell for whom they voted? *Answer.*—Where the election of an officer is contested, the body in which the election took place has a right, through such agencies as it may create, to find out and ascertain how and for whom each ballot was cast. In such case, if the written ballots were preserved, they would be the best evidence, but if not preserved, the several members voting could legally be examined as to how they voted.

66. *Statement.*—A brother is granted a withdrawal card from his Subordinate Lodge on December 14, 1896; on September 10, 1897, he applies for admission by card and is rejected; on December 1, 1897, he applies for a withdrawal card from the Rebekah Lodge.

Question.—Is he entitled to a withdrawal card from the Rebekah Lodge and to visit on same in Rebekah Lodges for one year thereafter? *Answer.*—The Rebekah Lodge of which he is a member has the right to grant him a withdrawal card, and when it has been so granted he has a right to visit upon it for twelve months after its date.

67. *Question.*—Can a brother deposit the receipt in another Lodge for admission, the same as a visiting card? *Answer.*—Yes.

68. *Question.*—Has the Lodge the right to appropriate the funds of the Lodge to pay railroad fare or carriage hire of any of its members or officers, to attend the funeral or burial of a member of their own or any other Lodge? *Answer.*—It has not the right to make such appropriation. See Decision No. 31, approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its session of 1897, as found, with approval, on pages 15,168, 15,534, 15,584, Journal of Proceedings. This decision does not, however, prohibit the Lodge from making the appropriation from the five per cent. authorized to be set apart by Lodges, with consent of Grand Lodge, for certain special purposes, as provided for in the law as found in Article 378 of White's Digest, last edition; but the inhibition applies fully to appropriations made out of the general fund.

69. *Question.*—If an officer or Degree Staff enter from or retire to an ante-room through a doorway other than the one in charge of the Inside Guardian, must they address the chair as directed on page 33 of the Ritual? *Answer.*—He or they need not. The team work contemplates the entrance of the team at certain points in their work, through some other entrance than the regular entrance to their Lodge-room.

70. *Question.*—Can the holder of an unexpired withdrawal card be a petitioner for a new Lodge and become a charter member, without either the A. T. P. W. (or A. P. W. if a Rebekah Lodge) or an order for it? *Answer.*—He can; his card is the authority for becoming such petitioner; the possession or non-possession of such word does not affect his right.

71. *Statement.*—A member of the Order is charged with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow (using insulting language to the Noble Grand of his Rebekah Lodge). He is, on trial, found guilty. The Constitution provides a penalty of suspension or expulsion for the offense of which the member was convicted. The Lodge refused to enforce that penalty. The matter was appealed to the Grand Lodge. The Committee of Appeals reported that the evidence of the brother's

guilt was overwhelming, and ordered it back to the Lodge for the enforcement of the penalty, and the Grand Lodge approved the report. The Lodge suspended the member for twenty-four hours. The Lodge met Saturday night.

Question.—Would you consider such a suspension reasonable, a sufficient punishment, and a compliance with the mandate of the Grand Lodge? *Answer.*—Where there is a minimum and a maximum punishment prescribed by law, it is the province of the trial body to prescribe and fix the punishment. Unless the Constitution of your jurisdiction fixes the minimum period of suspension, the Lodge had a right to fix any period it chose. The punishment adjudged by the Lodge does not strike an impartial observer as being adequate; but it having the legal right to fix the punishment, and it being within the terms of the law, its decision must stand, as it has inflicted some punishment.

72. *Question.*—Are printed ballots legal? *Answer.*—They are. I know of no law which forbids their use in an election, although it may not be in good taste to have them prepared in advance of an election, as savoring too much of electioneering.

73. *Question.*—Where a Lodge (Subordinate or Rebekah) or a Subordinate Encampment, has the office of Secretary or Scribe divided between two persons, one having charge of the records, etc., and the other of the accounts, what is the official title of each one? *Answer.*—The officer of a Subordinate Lodge or Rebekah Lodge and of a Subordinate Encampment having charge of the records, is known and described officially in the case of a Lodge as "Secretary," and in case of an Encampment as "Scribe"; where the Lodge has another officer to take charge of its finances and accounts, such officer is styled officially as the "Financial Secretary," and in a similar case in the Encampment is styled "Financial Scribe."

74. *Question.*—Is it a violation of law of the Order to publish, in an Odd Fellows' periodical, notices of expulsion of members from the Order, after such notice of expulsion has been promulgated by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge to the Subordinate Lodges by circular letters? *Answer.*—It is not a violation of the Laws of the Order so to do.

76. *Question.*—Can an officer-elect be installed into office, he being twelve weeks in arrears for dues, the uniform Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction requiring a member to be thirteen weeks in arrears for dues before he becomes non-beneficial? In other words, a member of this jurisdiction is in good standing until he becomes thirteen weeks in arrears for dues. *Answer.*—The officer-elect being in good standing, according to the Constitution, he is eligib e for installalion into office, providing he has performed such prev service in other offices as is required by law.

77. *Question.*—By the By-Laws of a Lodge in Oregon, it is provided: "That in conducting the funeral of a brother of this Lodge, in good standing, who is to be buried in a cemetery beyond the city limits, the Noble Grand is hereby authorized to procure, at the expense of the Lodge, a sufficient number of conveyances, of which he shall be sole judge, to accommodate such brothers as he may appoint to assist him, and to proceed to such cemetery and perform the funeral ceremony of the Order, provided such expense shall not exceed the sum of fifteen dollars. Is such by-law legal? *Answer.*—It is not. The Sovereign Grand Lodge, at its session in Springfield in 1897, approved a decision of the Grand Sire, No. 31, to be found on page 15,168 of the proceedings of said session, by which it was declared that a Lodge had not the right to appropriate the funds of the Lodge to pay railroad fare and carriage hire of its members to attend the funeral of a member who died and was buried several miles from the Lodge-room. This decision stands, therefore, as one of the laws of the Order, and under it, no Lodge has a right to pass such a by-law as is quoted; but a Lodge may appropriate money from the five per cent. fund authorized to be set apart for such uses as it may deem proper, for the purpose of hiring conveyances to transport brothers to the funeral of a deceased member.

78. *Question.*—The Constitution of the Grand Lodge (Oregon) prescribes no residence qualification. Under same, is it legal for one Lodge to prescribe by by-law that no person can petition the Lodge who has not resided in the state three months, for another to require four months' and another six months' residence? *Answer.*—The Sovereign Grand Lodge not having passed any general law specifying what length of residence in a jurisdiction shall be required of persons applying for membership in a Lodge situated therein, it would be perfectly legal for the several Subordinate Grand Bodies to fix such period; and where such period has not been so fixed, it seems to be within the powers of Subordinate Lodges to fix such period by their by-laws, which by-laws, of course, must be approved by the Grand Body to which such body is subordinate.

79. *Question.*—Has any jurisdiction the right to confer the Assembly Degree upon Past Grands of Subordinate Lodges who are not Past Noble Grands of Rebekah Lodges? *Answer.*—It has.

80. *Question.*—The Rebekah Ritual provides that brothers should wear the regalia they are entitled to wear in the Subordinate Lodge, etc. Is it proper for a brother who holds office, when sitting in a Subordinate Lodge, to wear the regalia and jewel of such office when sitting in a Rebekah Lodge? *Answer.*—The law governing the Rebekah branch provides that officers of a Rebekah Lodge, whether brothers or sisters, shall wear the official regalia of the office. The Code was amended to this effect at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held in Springfield, in 1897. A brother, member of a Rebekah Lodge,

not an officer of such Lodge, shall wear the regalia he is entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge. For this law, see pages 15,641-2, Journal of Proceedings S. G. L., session of 1897. The law being what it is, I decide that a brother, not an officer of a Rebekah Lodge, can wear the regalia he is entitled to wear in a Subordinate Lodge.

81. *Question.*—Is it a violation of Section 5 of Article XVI, Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution, for a brother to open and conduct a saloon, he being at the time a bartender rightfully and legally so employed? *Answer.*—It is.

On Reduction of Expenses.

Your Representatives sought in every way to carry out the known wishes of this Grand Body by securing a reduction of expenses along all lines. We voted to reduce the mileage and per diem of Grand Representatives at this session, and, failing in that, we introduced and secured the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, It is clear that some form of retrenchment must be inaugurated in order to preserve the treasury of this Grand Body in future years: and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of many Representatives, such retrenchment can best be effected by reducing the mileage; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Sovereign Grand Lodge, that, in future sessions, the mileage should be figured at seven cents per mile one way; provided, that Representatives residing west of Colorado shall receive eight cents per mile one way.

Resolved, That this resolution lie over for one year, and be printed in the Journal, in order that the Subordinate Grand Lodges may have opportunity to consider and discuss the same.

We voted for biennial sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

We voted to discontinue the practice of furnishing bound volumes of the Journal to members of the S. G. L., and assisted in the passage of such enactment.

We voted in favor of computing mileage by the shortest route.

We voted against increasing the salary of the Grand Sire, and no increase was made.

We voted against donating $2,000 to ex-Secretary Ross, and the donation was defeated.

We voted to reduce the number of daily and bound Journals to be furnished free to members and jurisdictions, and the number was reduced.

Patriarchal Branch.

One of the most important items of legislation adopted at the session was the resolution introduced by Rep. Humphrey, restoring the Old or Royal Purple Degree Uniform in Subordinate Encampments.

It was also enacted that at a burial of a Patriarch, the Encampment, as such, must wear the regalia of the Patriarchal branch.

Regalia.

The following was postponed for one year:

Resolved, That all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges and Encampments instituted after January 1, 1899, shall purchase their regalia through the Grand Secretary, which regalia shall be sold to Subordinates at a price not to exceed 25 per cent. above the cost to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That nothing herein shall prevent the members of a Rebekah Lodge making their regalia, or the lady friends of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment from making the regalia of such Lodge or Encampment.

Repeal of Insurance Legislation.

Much time was spent and discussion had on the subject of life and accident insurance in the name of Odd Fellowship, and the following enactments were passed:

Resolved, That all legislation heretofore enacted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in any way recognizing or authorizing life or accident insurance in the name of Odd Fellowship be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and further

Resolved, That all certificates heretofore issued to such life or accident insurance companies are hereby revoked.

Qualifications of Grand Representative.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted requiring a Grand Representative to be a member of a Rebekah Lodge.

All other Constitutional amendments were voted down or indefinitely postponed.

No Backward Step.

One of the fiercest contests of the session arose on the adoption of the report of the Judiciary Committee on the 16th decision of the Grand Sire as follows:

16. *Question.*—"Can a Lodge legally grant relief from its General Fund to persons in distress outside of the Order?" The decision of the Grand Sire was: "It can not."

The Judiciary Committee, in a unanimous report signed by its eleven members, did not concur in the decision of the Grand Sire, but said the question should be answered:

"Yes, if not prohibited by the Subordinate Grand Jurisdiction."

Representative Humphrey led the debate against the report, and in favor of the Grand Sire's decision, on the ground that, since the earliest history of Odd Fellowship, it has been held, the Funds of the Order are Trust Funds, and must be kept sacred to the purposes of Odd Fellowship. The result was, that the report of the Judiciary Committee was not adopted, and the decision of the Grand Sire was sustained by an overwhelming vote.

Miscellaneous.

The following additional legislation was adopted:

That Section 531, Digest of 1895, relative to Odd Fellows' Homes, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments making detailed reports of property owned by them to Grand Secretaries, be repealed.

That the form of Charter for Rebekah Assemblies, provided for (pages 15,611, 15,634, Journal 1897), be printed by the Grand Secretary, and sold as other supplies to Grand Jurisdictions requesting them.

That hereafter the Grand Sire in making his decisions shall send a copy only to the parties in interest, and that the decisions be not printed until submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for approval.

That the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and hereby are, instructed to leave a blank line in all official certificates hereafter printed, in which the date of payment of any money to the Secretary of a Lodge may be inserted.

That meetings of Subordinate Encampments may be held weekly or semi-monthly, except that in case of yearly terms, such Encampments may be permitted by their Grand Encampments to hold their meetings monthly, instead of semi-monthly.

That Cantons shall not turn out in public for purely display purposes with less than fifteen Chevaliers, rank and file, except at funerals, or by order of the Department Commander; provided, that only members who are in good standing in their Cantons are eligible to turn out and participate in any public parade or display.

That in all cases of appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the applicant at the time the appeal be filed shall notify the appellee of such filing; and thereafter, either party filing any argument or brief shall serve a copy on the opposite party; when a Grand Lodge is appellee, such service shall be by sending the copy to the Grand Secretary of such Grand Lodge.

That the possession of an official certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed by the Secretary and Noble Grand of the Lodge, or the Scribe and Chief Patriarch of the Encampment issuing same, with the seal properly attached, be, and the same is hereby, declared sufficient, proper, and legal authority for any Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof the current traveling password of the Order.

Patriarchs Militant.

The special committee appointed one year ago prepared and submitted complete Patriarchs Militant Drill Regulations, which were adopted, and the Committee on Printing Supplies was directed to have 2,500 copies printed, the same to be sold as supplies, giving Department Councils the usual discount.

The following resolution, making a slight change in the uniform, was adopted:

Resolved, That all after the words "over their," in Section 455, page 91, Code of Laws, 1892, be stricken out, and the following inserted: "Right shoulder beneath the shoulder knot, passing downward to the left side, and there attached to sword belt by snapping into rings concealed upon inside of belt."

A number of changes were made in the Code; but as a new edition of the Revised Code, embracing all changes made at this session, is to be issued, we will not give space to the changes In detail.

A provision was adopted to the effect that only members who are in good standing in their Canton are eligible to turn out and participate in any public parade or display.

Chevaliers will be pleased to know that the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the new Patriarchs Militant Rituals, as ordered printed at this session, be exchanged for those now in use by Cantons for the last issue of Patriarchs Militant Rituals published two years ago, free of charge, and without cost of transportation to the Grand Lodge; and

Resolved, Further, that this new issue of Patriarchs Militant Rituals be furnished at any time prior to October 1, 1899, in exchange for old Patriarchs Militant Rituals, at the price of one dollar, and that all Rituals now on hand, in the Grand Secretary's office, together with those returned, be destroyed by burning.

Resolved, That Department Councils be allowed a discount of fifteen per cent. from list price on all decoration and grand decoration jewels hereafter purchased.

Resolved, That the Sovereign Grand Lodge remit to the respective departments fifteen per cent. of the price said departments have paid for decoration and grand decoration jewels, purchased since January 1, 1898.

The Grand Secretary to credit each department the amount due under this resolution, and each of said departments to receive supplies to the amount of such credit.

A resolution was adopted providing that all applications for the Grand Decoration of Chivalry from Department Councils must be accompanied by the resolution of the Department Council, with seal attached.

A proposition to unite the Encampment and Patriarchs Militant found but little support, neither did the Grand Lodge think it expedient to create a Commander in Chief other than the Grand Sire.

The proposed amendment requiring Grand Representatives to hold membership in a Canton was defeated.

Negative Action.

To show the prevailing sentiment in the Sovereign Grand Lodge we mention a few of the propositions which were defeated.

The amendment providing for biennial sessions was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 112 to 60.

The funeral ceremony submitted last year by Reps. Powers and Nye was referred to a special committee, but failed to be adopted; vote, 72 to 78.

Among other matters of minor importance which failed to pass may be named the following:

To appoint a committee to codify the laws of the Order.

To permit Grand Bodies to elect Grand Marshal and Grand Chaplain.

To change the date of Memorial Day to May 30th.

To permit members to wear Veteran and Honorable Veteran Jewels in lieu of regalia.

To permit Grand Lodges to allow their subordinates to dispense with weekly meetings during July and August.

To divide membership into beneficial and non-beneficial, retaining all on the roll, and permitting non-beneficial members to visit Lodge for a term of five years.

To permit Encampments to meet alternately in adjacent towns.

To permit indigent members of defunct Lodges to continue in membership by paying dues to the Grand Lodge.

To supply regalia, like other supplies, through the Grand Secretaries.

To cut off mileage and per diem of Past Grand Sires.

To make visitation of the sick compulsory.

Illinois' Representatives.

The Representatives from this Jurisdiction received assignment on Committees, as follows:

Representative Humphrey—Appeals.

Representative Conway—Finance.

Representative Carlin—Legislation.

Representative Murphy—Patriarchal Branch.

Representative Humphrey was also selected to make an address in Music Hall at the reunion of Past Grand Representatives, Tuesday night, September 20, and in the election of Deputy Grand Sire he received 37 votes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. Humphrey

E. J. Conway

J. O. Humphrey

Grand Representative.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

[NOTE.—The first, second and third reports of the Committee on Credentials were presented at the Special Session held this afternoon, and will be found further on in this volume. G. SECRETARY.]

Document No. 1.

Fourth report, by Bro. S. E. Erickson, of No. 479.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that they have examined the credentials of Representatives as follows, and find the brothers therein named entitled to admission to this Grand Body, to-wit:

I. *Representatives to serve a term of two years—*

Anton Kramer, No. 2; George Brown, No. 4; Charles R. Coon, No. 6; Wm. Lees, No. 8; M. F. Shannon, No. 10; J. Smith Cruttenden, No. 12; Frank J. Betts, No. 14; James G. Neeley, No. 16; P. Schlemer, No. 18; J. E. Steffy, No. 20; E. E. Edgerton, No. 22; H. T. Pemberton, No. 24; J. G. Buckles, No. 26; Scott Clark, No. 28; Geo. E. White, No. 30; J. R. Powell, No. 32; Theo. Weberling, No. 34; W. H. Seaton, No. 36; Elmer Sadler, No. 38; Fred C. Winkleman, No. 40; Willis G. Holmes, No. 42; S. P. Wood, No. 44; Henry A. Dierkes, No. 46; Henry Clay, No. 48; Oliver J. Rautzen, No. 50; H. J. Holdoway, No. 52; Wm. R. Martin, No. 54; Arthur M. Newcomer, No. 56; Jno. Kleinschmidt, No. 58; C. A. Lemmers, No. 60; Ed. Parks, No. 62; J. C. Perdue, No. 64; Samuel Potter, No. 66; J. J. Bergen, No. 68; Wm. Milhous, No. 70; Chas. A. Lewis, No. 72; Charles E Foster, No. 74; Wm. W. Smith, No. 76; R. G. Fouts, No. 78; A. W. Pierce, No. 80; Wm. H. Cooper, No. 82; R. G. Haley, No. 84; James A. Jones, No. 86; A. M. Jenkins, No. 88; Jno. H. Tate, No. 90; C. W. Rudisill, No. 92; A. F. Herbert, No. 94; James Kinney, No. 96; C. Clemons, No. 98; Jno. T. Sutherland, No. 100; W. F. Gmahle, No. 102; Geo. W. Gelsthorpe, No. 104; C. H. Willard, No. 106; W. J. Warner, No. 108; Jesse E. Roberts, No. 110; Samuel Flickenger, No. 112; E. S. McCrim, No. 114; R. N. Button, No. 116; James E. Taylor, No. 118; Richard E. Gould, No. 120; B. F. Henry, No. 122; Alexander Anderson, No. 124; E. H. Wilson, No. 126; James Porter, No. 128; James Larrabee, No. 130; Henry Johnson, No. 132; A. A. Lambdin, No. 134; P. C. Stradley, No. 136; J. M. Humphrey, No. 138; Mark Jardine, No. 140; W. L. Boutelle, No. 142; Edward McManus, No. 144; Frank S. Barker, No. 146; M. H. McGrath, No. 148; Wm. H. Henn, No. 150; Clarence Darnell, No. 152; Charles Threshie, No. 154; L. S. Whitcomb, No. 156; Garrett Wolfe, No. 158; L. A. Warner, No. 160; H. D. Barrows, No. 162; Charles Morse, No. 164; Emil H. Adloff, No. 166; F. A. Michaels, No. 170; Jno. C. DeLeon, No. 172; R. B. Hull, No. 174; W. J. Harrom, No. 176; W. N. Rickard,

No. 180; Jno. H. Glascock, No. 182; Geo. W. Cline, No. 184; C. M. Lytle, No. 186; Ira N. Shields, No. 188; C. A. Cook, No. 190; C. P. Vansickle, No. 192; R. H. Pilson, No. 194; H. W Seely, No. 196; J. G. Cook, No. 198; Adam Kumpf, No. 200; Jos. McAfee, No. 202; Geo. J. Brockett, No. 204; J. B. Dawson, No. 206; J. K. Egley, No. 208; Wm. C. Porter, No. 210; J. A. Jones, No. 212; L. R. Bain, No. 214; W. S. Ervin, No. 216; Wm. A. Oertlin, No. 218; Joseph Trahin, No. 220; Fred Schoell, No. 222; Andrew H. Whitcamp, No. 224; R. T. Patterson, No. 226; James P. O'Brien, No. 230; Wm. E. Baker, No. 232; Alex. Ingles, No. 234; Frank G. Owen, No. 236; E. Dinkleman, No. 238; Jno. Maxwell, No. 240; Jno. W. Peavler, No. 242; J. E. King, No. 244; T. L. Swangren, No. 246; A. G. Dulany, No. 248; G. J. Murphy, No. 250; Jno. T. Palmer, No. 252; James G. Fawner, No. 254; Ed. Maranville, No. 256; Edward Schreier, No. 258; Adolf Sumerlin, No. 260; F. O. Shuman, No. 262; C. J. Boucher, No. 264; J. T. Knight, No. 266; Charles H. Schwartz, No. 268; Nils Howard, No. 272; Jno. C. Wilson, No. 274; Charles Taylor, No. 276; W. T. Pierce, No. 278; Freeman King, No. 280; Charles H. Merrick, No. 282; W. S. Odum, No. 284; Otto Killian, No. 286; D. J. Harrison, No. 288; G. W. Bennett, No. 290; Jesse G. Baker, No. 292; Ezra T. Goble, No. 294; Geo. W. Lowden, No. 296; A. C. Ryan, No. 298; O. M. Scott, No. 300; H. C. Peeck, No. 302; Jos. D. Lees, No. 304; U. S. Burky, No. 306; Wm. McJunkin, No. 308; J. F. Smith, No. 310; Geo. W. Zimmerman, No. 312; T. B. Pile, No. 314; Jno. R. Smith, No. 316; W. P. Jones, No. 318; Chas. S. Cody, No. 320; Frank Krauser, No. 322; F. M. Smith, No. 324; Philip Leiner, No. 326; B. E. Freeman, No. 328; Frank Strable, No. 330; E. G. Kerr, No. 332; J. E. Reid, No. 334; A. H. Baird, No. 336; Fritz Hartleb, No. 338; Will O. Hatt, No. 340; Thos. L. Taylor, No. 342; G. W. Thompson, No. 344; L. J. Shambaugh, No. 346; S. A. Rigg, No. 348; W. E. P. Anderson, No. 350; Isaac Dyball, No. 352; Arthur Humphrey, No. 354; J. C. Anderton, No. 356; J. M. Miner, No. 358; D. M. Brown, No 360; Henry Shoaff, No. 362; F. C. Edwards, No. 364; Thos. L. Keas, No. 366; J. W. Mullens, No. 368; Charles Bird, No. 370; U. Rubendall, No. 372; C. L. Manners, No. 374; Adam Rheingaus, No. 376; Alex. Stevenson, No. 378; L. Frank, No. 380; W. L. Coates, No. 384; R. S. Lisk, No. 386; Oscar Meister, No. 388; Charles Kranz, No 390; Geo. W. Young, No. 392; G. R. Fyke, No. 394; A. J. Miller, No. 396; Ferd. Dyckman, No. 398; A. B. Thompson, No. 400; Mart Andres, No. 402; Isaac H. Parker, No. 404; Henry Bauer, No. 406; W. H. McElroy, No. 408; W. E. Henry, No. 410; Duane Pennock, No. 412; Samuel Faverty, No. 414; B. J. Neeley, No. 416; J. C. Dunham, No. 418; F. R. Chandler, No. 420; Benjamin F. Capps, No. 422; F. A. Ehmer, No. 414; Robert R. Haig, No. 426; Jno. Herhtner, No. 428; M. F. Frost, No. 430; Fred Haensler, No. 432; J. F. Hunter, No. 434; P. E. Fletcher, No. 436; Geo. E. Shutt, No. 438; Jas. B. Muir, No. 440; J. M. Boicourt, No. 442; John W. Davis, No. 444; C. A. Swanson, No. 446; R. Carris, No. 448; James Ewing Davis, No. 450; C. W. Stanberry, No. 452; J. A.

Ducker, No. 454; Wm. F. Lehmkuhl, No. 456: W. F. Ingels, No. 458; James Shaw, No. 460; P. B. Thornton, No. 462; Chas. Goss, No. 464; Jno. Leverett, No. 466; R. A. Davis, No. 468; Jno. P. Becker, No. 470; Jno. T. Hogan, No. 472; Paul Reil, No. 474; E. R. Steele, No. 476; F. B. Stockwell, No. 478; Andrew Breitwieser, No. 480; Jno. Palmer, No. 482; Wm. Romoser, No. 484; W. D. Karns, No. 486; Louis Medalie, No. 488; Z. D. Hall, No. 490; Morris F. Cole, No. 492: E. D. Palmer, No. 496; N M. Sapp, No. 500; G. O. Mitchell, No. 502; H. N. Whitacre, No. 504; Jno. C. Weigand, No. 506; Geo. W. Potter, No. 508; S. C. Alger, No. 510; Grant Huntoon, No. 512: F. H. Vaughn, No. 514; J. J. Baumgartner, No. 516: C. G. Oleson, No. 518; M. L. Hunt, No. 520; Geo. B. Welborn, No. 522; Frederick Schlundt, 524: H. Loveridge, No. 526; H. A. Hudgens, No. 528; Jno. Beasley, No. 534; Levi M. Barton, No. 536; J. A. Dickinson, No. 538; Jno. M. Carter, No. 540; N. B. Tyler, No. 542; Jno. T. Dougall, No. 544; Frank G. Gill, No. 546; H. F. Reynolds, No. 548; William Passent, No. 550; G. E. Bryan, No. 552; Frank J. Murphy, No. 554; Ben Hagle, No. 556; J. B. Scudamore, No. 558: I. H. Fields, No. 560; J. W. Ritter, No. 562: W. H. Rush, No. 564; W. C. Smith, No. 566; Henry Moreland, No. 568: Wm. Spencer, No. 570: Jno. L. Reid, No. 572; Fred Kreinbrink, No. 574: U. A. Noble, No. 576: W. M. Jones, No. 578; M. F. Lewis, No. 580; Q. M. Moore, No. 582: Fred Mangus, No. 584; W. S. Torbet, No. 586; D. M. Fullmer, No. 588; Frank E. Bemis, No. 590; T. J. Virgin, No. 592; Jno. Grandon, No. 594; G. W. Ruyle, No. 596; Jno. H. Deming, No. 598: A. M. Binkley, No. 600; J. C. Hunter, No. 602; J. H. Nees, No. 604; Mark Quincer, No. 606; James F. VanHorn, No. 608; Richard Maag, No. 610; Ira A. Serene, No. 612; Henry Brinkerhoff, No. 614; A. E. Peasley, No. 616; J. E. Shackelton, No. 618; Geo. H. Nagel, No. 620; Fred Wagner, No. 622; H. C. Trent, No. 624; Chas. F. Kirgis, No. 626; M. Dickerson, No. 628: Frank Fucik, No. 630; James P. Sutton, No. 632: J. Akester, No. 634; J. D. Newman, No. 636; Thos. B. Bollan, No. 638; Simon Reitz, No. 640; Geo. W. Steele, No. 642; A. G. Russell, No. 644; J. J. Swartz, No. 646; C. W. Weise, No. 648; R. A. Mooneyham, No. 650; A. G. Edgington, No. 652; Louis Wolter, No. 654; R. C. Green, No. 656; Wm. Wallace, No. 658; C. H. Herbert, No. 660; Vencel Muzik, No. 662; Jno. H. Meyers, No. 664; C. M. Bilski, No. 666; C. L. Farrington, No. 668; Jno. Barnes, No. 670: Matt Wright, No. 672: Wm. H. Bush, No. 674; I. W. Lewis, No. 676; M. H. Perkhiser, No. 678; Rudolph Prussman, No. 682; Wm. H. Miller, No. 684; Geo. E. Blodgett, No. 686; J. M. Clark, No. 688; E. M. Golden, No. 690; H. S. Etnire, No. 692; I. Fortney, No. 694; Richard Brunt, No. 696; Samuel Shugerman, No. 698; Geo. Gonterman, No. 700; Alfred Bloyd, No. 702; Wm. H. Swayze, No. 704; J. J. Carey, No. 706; I. M. Kuebler, No. 708; Joseph Patterson, No. 710; J. M. Williams, No. 712: Thomas Terrill, No. 714; Lewis Pickett, No. 716; Geo. E. Watson, No. 718; P. E. Gerber, No. 720; William Bachmann, No. 722; S. I. Davis, No. 724; A. Bartholomew, No. 726; J. A. Smith, No. 728; E. W. Dickson, No. 730; Jno. W. Buck,

No. 732; Jno. Conlon, No. 734; H. L. VonLienen, No. 736; G. F. Miller, No. 740; O. E. Gibson, No. 742: Thos. Poor, No. 744; W. C. Smith, No. 746; James M. Endicott, No. 748; A. F. Beidelman, No. 750; Peter S. Spenny, No. 752; A. P. Hauschild, No. 756: A. L. Ham, 758; Hiram Grubbs, No. 760; R. H. Dodge, No. 762; Peter Miller, No. 764; Joseph C. Cherry, No. 766; A. V. Pierce, No. 768; Chas. D. Smith, No. 770; Martin Westerlin, No. 774; B. E. Cornwell, No. 776; Geo. S. Adams, No. 778; E. L. Bower, No. 780; F. P. F. Clark, No. 782; W. H. Smith, No. 784; Riley Siver, No. 786; Wm. Reichard, No. 790; J. R. Guthrie, No. 792; E. R. Hamm, No. 794; Geo. B. Zeigler, No. 796; Isaac Stearnes, No. 798; Royal J. Bills, No. 800; Geo. Ledgerwood, No. 802; J. F. Blakeslee, No. 804; Jacob Rasmussen, No. 806: H. E. Curtis, No. 808; Wm. Stauffer, No. 810; Wm. S. Hussander, No. 812: Geo. W. Lackey, No. 814; Judson C. Shear, No. 816; D. T. Allard, No. 820; Israel Fireman, No. 822; J. W. Riley, No. 824; T. J. Baty, No. 826; Francis M. Kelly, No. 830; O. E. Ray, No. 832; Andrew White, No. 834; S. R. Elliott, No. 836; N. A. Frier, No. 838; J. W. Schauer, Jr., No. 840; E. W. Bright, No. 842; G. C. Guthrie, No. 844; J. B. Craig, No. 846; J. M. Adams, No. 848; G. M. Brubaker, No. 860; Hy. Fossrick, No. 852; Jno. M. Walker, No. 854; W. H. Bryant, No. 856; Geo. E. Storms, No. 858; R. W. Nichols, No. 860; Jno. Moroff, No. 862; Geo. F. Warner, No. 864; Elijah Harris, No. 866: C. M. Loomis, No. 868; Geo. Hayward, No. 870: W. Y. Stewart, No. 872; Geo. B. Dodds, No. 874; E. S. Winks, No. 876; Chas. W. Singer, No. 878; E. H. Cook, No. 880; James Rosa, No. 882; E. E. Burton, No. 884; M. F. Cramer, No. 886.

II. *Representatives to serve a term of one year*, from new Lodges, and to fill vacancies—

A. C. Douglas, No. 27; F. J. Mueller, No. 43; Elvin J. Harris, No. 55; W. C. Davis, No. 75; Jacob Buhr, No. 119; C. W. Shepherd, No. 131; Henry Swim, No. 133; J. C. Petit, No. 151; F. A. Louis, No. 161; John A. Miles, No. 177; Gustav Merkelbach, No. 179; J C. Stripe, No. 193; E. F. Smith, No. 201; Wm. Cornwell, No. 211; Thos. Richards, No. 251; Michael Monical, No. 273; A. J. Thompson, No. 289; J. W. Spalding, No. 333; H. H. Dicus, No. 391; Jas. R. Keel, No. 441; Andrew Murray, No. 447; A. J. Johnson, No. 501; J. W. Kiester, No. 503; Herbert Phillips, No. 535; John Warfield, No. 551; F. H. McMullen, No. 597; Fred Deegan, No. 621; John L. Morris, No. 631; Wm. W. Kincaid, No. 639; B. Hardy, No. 641; M. F. Goodman, No. 643; R. E. Huffman, No. 673; H. L. Wilhoit, No. 715; M. F. Pierce, No. 743; G. W. Berry, No. 777; C. H. Brown, No. 789; P. O. Brant, No. 805; Harry Van Gundy, No. 809; I. S. Mick, No. 821; R. J. Wiggins, No. 831; James A. Agrue, No. 869; Edward Hixson, No. 873; Henry C. Coker, No. 879; T. C. Peebles No. 883; William Baugh, No. 885.

Samuel E. Erickson,
W. H. Hall,
Isaac Golden.

The following telegram was received and read:

ST. LOUIS, MO., NOV. 15, 1898.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, Springfield, Ill.:

The Grand Encampment fraternally tender to their brethren of Illinois their congratulations and a God-speed.

E. M. SLOAN,
Grand Scribe.

On motion of Bro. Needles, P.G.M., the Grand Secretary was instructed to wire the return congratulations of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Encampment of the State of Missouri.

In compliance with instructions, the Grand Secretary sent a telegram, as follows:

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., NOV. 15, 1898.

To the Grand Encampment of Missouri, I.O.O.F.:

PATRIARCHS: Your telegraphic greeting received. I am directed to return the most hearty greeting of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, now in session, and assure you of our high fraternal regard for the entire Order of your great State.

Fraternally,
JAS. R. MILLER.

Bro. Needles, P.G.M., moved that the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to compute the per diem of Officers and Representatives in attendance at this session for three days; and the motion prevailed.

Rep. Ludwig A. Warner, of No. 160, offered the following:

Document No. 2.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

There is a time in our existence as men, as well as Odd Fellows, when business can well afford to wait on mirth and gladness. That this is such a time is recognized by every good and patriotic Odd Fellow in the land. Illinois Odd Fellows, at this our first annual convocation since the glorious victories of our land and naval forces at Manila, Cuba and Porto Rico, send you sincerest greetings and bid you rejoice and praise God, for in man's allotted time but few such opportunities come, and when they do they are far apart.

This Nation has endeavored to teach Spain how to be good. And that Nation has learned through us that there is indeed a God in Israel.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in annual convention assembled, take great pleasure

in extending our heartfelt and sincere congratulations and grateful thanks to his Excellency the President of the United States, and through him to the Governors of all the States, and our brave and noble soldiers and sailors, at the successful and glorious termination of our war with Spain, undertaken and waged for and in the interest of outraged and down-trodden humanity, and more especially for the Freedom and Independence of our distressed and oppressed neighbors in Cuba.

Resolved, That we extend the warm hand of Odd Fellowship to the poor and wretched victims of Spain's terrible hatred, cruelty, and fearful misrule.

Resolved, That we most profoundly rejoice, as a fraternal organization banded together in the interest of Friendship, Love and Truth, loving justice and all humanity irrespective of race or creed, striving for the elevation of all mankind—that Jehovah the exalted, the Sublime Grand Master of the Universe, has decreed that Cuba shall be free, and the American people have most faithfully executed His decree, which will henceforth and forever make Cubans as free and independent as the people of our own Grand and Mighty Union, our blessed and reunited country, "The Home of the Brave, the Land of the Free."

Resolved, That these resolutions be adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the United States, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois and signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Bro. Camp, of No. 322, for himself and his colleagues of the Committee on Printing, offered the following, which which was adopted.

Document No. 3.

WHEREAS, It is absolutely necessary, in order to insure the prompt issue of the Daily Journal, that all documents submitted to this Grand Lodge be made in duplicate; your Committee on Printing has provided a competent stenographer, stationed in the House Judiciary Committee Room, and all brothers wishing duplicate copies of resolutions, reports and other documents may have the work promptly done by applying there.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to refuse to present for the consideration of this Grand Lodge documents that are not executed in duplicate.

Bro. J. R. Kewley, of No 450, offered the following, which was adopted.

Document No. 4.

WHEREAS, Sometimes a brother who has spent the best years of his life in the noble work of Odd Fellowship finds himself, when broken in strength and vigor by the weight of years, frozen, as it were, out of the Order by his Lodge having become defunct; and

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge, recognizing the injustice of such a condition, authorized and provided a way whereby the several Grand Jurisdictions may restore such unfortunate brothers to active affiliation with the Order, with the enjoyment of at least a part of its rights and privileges, so well earned by long, faithful work, as fully set forth in Sec. 1599 of our "Illinois Code, 1896"; and

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge has taken no action under the authority granted by said section; be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be and hereby is instructed to prepare and report to this Grand Lodge the necessary legislation to give full force and effect to the act of the Sovereign Grand Lodge upon this subject.

The Special Committee on Analysis and Distribution presented the following report, which, under suspension of the rule, was considered and adopted.

Document No. 5.

Your Committee on Analysis and Distribution, to whom were referred the Reports of the Grand Officers, having duly considered the same, would respectfully recommend their reference to the several committees as follows:

So much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to Appeals for Aid, New Lodges, Subordinate Lodges Instituted, Consolidation of Lodges, Subordinate Lodges Consolidated, Proclamations, Lodges Closed, Subordinate Lodges Closed, Removals, Losses by Fire, Change of Venue, Weak Lodges, Dispensations, Official Instructors, Roll of Honor, Delinquent Members, to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That relating to Rebekah Lodges, Rebekah Lodges Instituted, Rebekah Lodges Consolidated, Rebekah Lodges Closed, to the Committee on State of the Order.

That relating to Mileage and Per Diem to the Committee on Legislation.

That relating to the Old Folks' Home to the Committee on Finance.

That relating to Finance, and to Orphans' Home, to the Committee on Finance.

We also recommend that so much of the Grand Secretary's Report as relates to Organization, Petitions for Grand Lodge Cards, Petitions for Change of Lodge Names, Lodge Secretaries, Veteran Jewels, Visitation by Grand Officers, Condition of the Order, Weak Lodges, be referred to the Committee on State of the Order; Biennial Sessions of the Grand Lodge to Committee on Legislation; Grand Lodge Journal, Daily Journal, to the Committee on Printing; that such portions of his report as relate to Statement of Returns, Sale of Supplies, Inventory of Property of Office of Grand Secretary, Old Folks' Home Donations, Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Year, Office Rent, Trustees of the Orphans' and Old Folks' Homes, Grand Lodge Supplies, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That all of the Grand Treasurer's Report be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That the Grand Representatives' Report be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. Taylor,
J. C. Perdue,
H. A. Brinkman,
Committee.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 6.

Fifth report, by Bro. I. Golden, of No. 822.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that the following-named Past Grands have presented proper credentials, and are entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree:

Anton Kremer, No. 2; M. Wagner, No. 9; D. H. Wallace, No. 65; George Copley, No. 97; C. K. Parvin, No. 103; W. B. Grimes, No. 127; Otto Meyer, No. 305; J. J. Leach, No. 314; A. J. Morris, No. 337; F. R. Chandler, No. 420; Fred Haensler, No. 432; C. W. Stanberry, No. 452; J. A. Morris, No. 455; Grant Huntoon, No. 512; Frederick Schmidt, No. 524; Troy J. Smith, No. 533; Wm. Spencer, No. 570; R. E. Leahy, No. 596; F. D. P. Snelling, No. 601; W. W. Kincaid, No. 639; Samuel White, No. 657; J. W. Allison, No. 721; Wm. Bachmann, No. 722; Peter S. Spenny, No. 752; E. L. Joslyn, No. 769; D. T. Allard, No. 820; G. C. Guthrie, No. 844; W. B. Robertson, No. 881.

Isaac Golden,
W. H. Hall,
Samuel E. Erickson.

The same committee presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. [See first report of that committee.]

Document No. 7.

Sixth report, by Bro. W. H. Hall, of No. 46.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Representatives:

That the Representative from Iuka Lodge, No. 694, being unable to attend the session, appointed Bro. John F. Eddings to attend in his place.

This, we think, he is not authorized by law to do, and consequently have not put his name on the roll of Representatives.

W. H. Hall,
Isaac Golden,
Samuel E. Erickson.

The following resolution was offered by Reps. Hirshfield, of No. 11, and Mooneyham, of No. 650, and was referred to the Committee on Legislation. [See second report of that committee.]

Document No. 8.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of Illinois, that hereafter the representatives shall receive mileage and per diem as follows, to-wit:

Six cents per mile for the nearest traveled route, and $3 per day for each day of actual attendance; *Provided, however*, that no representative shall receive more mileage and per diem than the amount of per capita tax paid by the Lodge he represents.

The following was offered, and and was referred to the Committee on Finance. [See tenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 9.

Whereas, It is possible to secure a thoroughly-competent brother to do the work of the Grand Secretary's Office for $1,800 per year, and no allowance for assistant or stenographer; and,

Whereas, It is for the best interests of the Order that the Grand Secretary devote his time solely to the work of the office, and not engage in any private enterprise, especially a business which depends upon the Order for support; therefore, be it

Resolved, That from and after this date the salary paid to the Grand Secretary be $1,800 per annum, with no allowance for assistant or stenographer, and that the Grand Secretary devote his entire time to the work of the Order, and not engage in any private business in connection with the office.

(Signed by)

C. F. Kirgis, No. 626.
W. H. Babcock, No. 400.
Edw. Hixson, No. 873.
Aug. Blettner, No. 531.
J. G. Schuman, No. 699.
Fred Schlundt, No. 524.
H. Grubbs, No. 760.
John Maxwell, No. 240.
Chas. Novak, No. 231.
Wm. W. Burdsall, No. 587.
Fred Haensler, No. 442.
J. F. VanHorn, No. 608.
Wm. Bachmann, No. 722.

Bro. J. O. Humphrey, G R, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. [See thirteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 10.

Whereas, at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, all legislation on the subject of Life and Accident Insurance in the name of Odd Fellowship was repealed and annulled: therefore,

Resolved, That all legislation heretofore enacted by this Grand Body in any way recognizing or authorizing Life or Accident Insurance in the name of Odd Fellowship be and the same is hereby repealed: and further

Resolved, That all certificates heretofore issued by this Grand Lodge to such Life or Accident Insurance Companies are hereby revoked.

Bro. Geo. W. Young, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on State of the Order. [See tenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 11.

Whereas, The history of the formation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge shows that from April 26, 1819, to February 22, 1821, the Order had extended to four States, namely, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania; that the institution of Lodges in Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania were, by self-institutions, confined to the different States.

Whereas, That on February 22, 1821, a charter was granted to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America by the Duke of York Lodge, holden at Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in "Old England," which assumed jurisdiction over all the Lodges in America then in existence.

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows was organized January 15, 1825, composed of the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania, which said jurisdictions at that time had under their control nine Subordinate Lodges, as follows: Maryland, three; Massachusetts, two; New York, one; Pennsylvania, three; total nine, with a total membership of about two hundred; and

WHEREAS, The name of said Grand Body was changed September 17, 1878, to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and said name was again changed September 18, 1879, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the German Empire was instituted and became subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge December 28, 1872, and the Grand Lodge of Australasia was instituted and became subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge July 1, 1878; and

WHEREAS, There are now five independent Grand Lodges subject to the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, viz: German Empire, Australasia, Denmark, Switzerland, and Sweden, and 54 Subordinate Grand Encampments and 65 Subordinate Grand Lodges, 2,656 Subordinate Encampments, 11,579 Subordinate Lodges, 128,930 Encampment members, 839,608 Lodge members, 4,808 Rebekah Lodges, 298,263 members of Rebekah Lodges, making a total of 1,137,871 Subordinate and Rebekah members; and

WHEREAS, The estimated expenses of holding the annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, as shown by the reports of the finance committee at their late session in Boston, Massachusetts, September 23, 1898, is $72,944.95; that the mileage and per diem of the Officers, Representatives and Past Grand Sires alone amounts to $36,537.37, being more than one-half of the total expenses incurred by the annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, exceeding one-half of the expenses by $329.79; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, that the Representatives elected to represent this Grand Lodge in the Sovereign Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby, instructed, and our Representatives elected by the Grand Encampment of Illinois are respectfully requested, to use their influence and best endeavors to bring about a system of legislation or an amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge whereby a material reduction of the expenses incurred by the annual session of the said Sovereign Grand Lodge may be obtained, to the great relief of the brotherhood throughout the several jurisdictions owing allegiance and subordinate to the said Sovereign Grand Lodge; and be it further

Resolved, That we favor a change and reduction of the number of Representatives of said Sovereign Grand Lodge on the basis of one Representative from each State, District or Territorial Jurisdiction,

and one from each of the Independent Grand Lodge Jurisdictions subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and that there be a reduction in the mileage and per diem, and that none but duly-elected Representatives from the different jurisdictions be entitled to vote or receive any mileage and per diem for their attendance at the sessions of said Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was offered, and was referred to the Committee on Legislation. [See third report of that committee.]

Document No. 12.

Resolved, That the minimum fee for all Degrees in the Subordinate Lodges in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, shall not be less than $20.

(Signed by)

Fred P. F. Clark, No. 782.	Wm. Watson, No. 525.
A. Koehne, No. 261.	L. E. Smith, No. 450
J. G. Cook, No. 198.	W. G. Holmes, No. 42.
J. T. Dougall, No. 544.	C. R. Hunt, No. 299.

The following was offered, and was referred to the Committee on Legislation. [See fourth report of that committee.]

Document No. 13.

Whereas, The working committees of this Grand Lodge should more nearly represent the growing sentiments of the Order in this State than can be possible under the present system, by which Past Grands who are not Representatives constitute the majority of the committees; and

Whereas, The appointment on committees of Past Grands not Representatives increases the expenses of the Grand Lodge by the amount of their mileage and per diem; and

Whereas, The enlargement of said committees and appointments of Representatives to most of the places thereon will give many Representatives a part in the proceedings of the Grand Body which otherwise they might never secure, and also permit those members who have a long and most honorable record in the Grand Lodge to receive the recognition which is due them, thereby placing the control of committees in the hands of Representatives, at the same time reducing the expenses for mileage and per diem, and thus settling a problem that has been before the Grand Lodge for years. In consideration of all which, be it

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article VI of the Grand Lodge Constitution be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Grand Master, during the month of May next preceding the regular session of the Grand Lodge, shall appoint the following committees to serve one year, or until the appointment of their successors, namely:

(1) On Credentials, three Representatives.

(2) On State of the Order, fifteen members, of whom at least twelve shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment.

(3) On Legislation, fifteen members, of whom at least twelve shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment.

(4) On Finance, fifteen members, of whom at least twelve shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment.

(5) On Rebekah Degree, ten members, of whom at least eight shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment.

(6) On Mileage and Per Diem, fifteen members, of whom a majority shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment. Said committee may appoint a clerk, who shall receive the compensation to which a Representative is entitled.

(7) On Railroads, three members.

(8) On Printing, three members, of whom at least two shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment.

"Vacancies shall be so filled as not to diminish the number of Representatives on a committee."

(Signed by)

HENRY M. COHEN, No 331. HENRY BRAUMOELLER, No. 221.
SPENCER WARD, No. 601. F. D. P. SNELLING, No. 601.
EDWARD HIXSON, No. 873. E. L. STAHL, No. 261.
SCOTT CLARK, No. 28.

The Committee on Printing presented the following reports (their first, second and third). On motion of Bro. Nason, P. G. Sec., the rule was suspended that the reports might be acted on without delay. Thereupon the reports were severally read, considered, and adopted.

Document No. 14.

First report, by Bro. John R. Camp, of No. 322.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows in relation to the matter of printing Grand Lodge Journal, Daily Journal, and Officers' Reports:

Your committee received bids on this work from Edw. F. Hartmann, the H. W. Rokker Co., the Illinois State Journal Co., Phillips Bros., Talbott & Hamann, and the Illinois State Register Co.

For the Grand Lodge Journal, Edw. F. Hartmann's bid of $803 for the 450-page book, with $1.50 per page for additional pages, $1.00 deduction per page if the book shall be smaller, and an allowance of 50 cents per page for matter "picked up" from the Daily Journal and the Officers' Reports, was the lowest of all bids submitted, and the contract was awarded to him.

For the Daily Journal, Edw. F. Hartmann's bid of $1.15 per page was the lowest of all bids submitted, and the contract was awarded to him.

For the Officers' Reports, Edw. F. Hartmann's bid of $110 for 1,200 copies of the 175-page book, with $1 per page for additional pages, and a deduction of $1 per page if the book is smaller, was the lowest of all the bids submitted, and the contract was awarded to him.

Respectfully submitted.

John R. Camp,
H. Dinkelman,
J. R. Kewley,
Sven Windrow,
Geo. W. Cyrus,
Committee.

Document No. 15.

Second report, by Bro. Henry Dinkelman, of No. 488.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of translating and printing the German Journal.

Your Committee received two bids for this work, as follows:

Max Stern & Co., Chicago, $1.30 per page.

Belleville Post & Zeitung Co., $1.29 per page.

The bid of the Belleville Post & Zeitung Co. being the lowest, the contract for the work was awarded to that firm.

Respectfully submitted.

H. Dinkelman,
J. R. Kewley,
Sven Windrow,
John R. Camp,
Geo. W. Cyrus,
Committee.

Document No. 16.

Third report, by Bro. Sven Windrow, of No. 812.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Miscellaneous Printing for the Grand Lodge for the year 1898-99:

Your committee received bids on this work from Edw. F. Hartmann, the H. W. Rokker Co., The Illinois State Journal Co., Phillips Bros., Talbott & Hamann, The Illinois State Register Co., and Dever & Wilson.

A careful tabulation and consideration of the bids resulted in the awarding of the work as follows:

To Edw. F. Hartmann—Forms Nos. 1, 2, 84, 8, 15, 16, 17, 20, 27, 28, 29, 31, and 45.

To the H. W. Rokker Co.—Forms 0, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 30, 50, 69, 70, and 79.

The bid of the H. W. Rokker Co. being the lowest for printing the circulars, proclamations, etc., this work was awarded to that firm at the following prices: Composition, per 1,000, 30c; presswork, per 1,000, 25c; paper, per pound, 9c; folding, two folds, per 1,000, 20c; folding, three folds, per 1,000, 30c.

The bid of the H. W. Rokker Co. being the lowest for printing the reports of Proceedings of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, the work was awarded to that firm at 95c per printed page for 1,800 copies, stereotype plates to be furnished at 35c each.

Respectfully submitted.

SVEN WINDROW,
H. DINKLEMAN,
J. R. KEWLEY,
JOHN R. CAMP,
GEO. W. CYRUS,
Committee.

The same committee presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. [See ninth report of that committee.]

Document No. 17.

Fourth report, by Bro. J. R. Kewley, of No. 450.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of expenses incurred, and would respectfully ask that the bills be allowed:

Henry J. Reeziger, stenographer for Daily Journal.....$25.00
Miss Anna Carrigan, stenographer during session 6.00
Rent of two typewriters..... 1.50

John R. Camp, Chairman Printing Committee, expenses as follows:

Postage paid	$ 2.06	
Express paid	.40	
Telegraphing paid	.25	
Stenography and typewriting in preparing specifications and contracts for Grand Lodge printing	$12.00	14.71
Total		$47.21

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. Kewley,
H. Dinkelman,
Sven Windrow,
John R. Camp,
Geo. W. Cyrus,
Committee.

Bro. George F. Howard, P.G.M., offered the following, which was referred to Committee on Legislation. [See fifth report of that committee.]

Document No. 18.

Resolved, That Section 20 of Article VII of the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Lodges be amended, by striking out the entire section, and inserting in place thereof the following new section:

"Upon such removal, the Prosecuting Committee or some attorney appointed by them, or by the Noble Grand of the removing Lodge, may present the case, and the accused may appear by himself or attorney, as if no such removal had taken place."

Bro. Howard, P.G.M., offered the following, which was referred to Committee on Legislation. [See sixth report of that committee.]

Document No. 19.

Resolved, That Section 19 of Article VII of the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Lodges be amended, by striking out all of said section after the word "when" at the end of ninth line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following: "the record of written evidence is reported by the Commissioner, and the case is

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ready for the Noble Grand to pass upon the objected testimony, if any, the trial shall be removed to the Lodge so designated by the Grand Master, and the Noble Grand of such designated Lodge shall pass upon the objected evidence, as provided for in Section 5 of this article." So that the section, when amended, will read as follows:

"Section 19. If three members of a Lodge in which charges may be preferred against a member are of the opinion that the accused will not receive an impartial trial at the hands of the Lodge, and present such opinion in writing, such paper, together with such evidence as may be desired bearing upon the question of prejudice in the Lodge, shall be forwarded to the Grand Master; and if he order the case changed to another Lodge, then, when the record of written evidence is reported by the Commissioner, and the case is ready for the Noble Grand to pass upon the objected testimony, if any, the trial shall be removed to the Lodge so designated by the Grand Master, and the Noble Grand of such designated Lodge shall pass upon the objected evidence, as provided for in Section 5 of this article."

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, supplemental to their former sixth report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 20.

Sixth (supplemental) report, by Bro. Erickson, of No. 479.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows:

The credentials of Bro. John F. Eddings, as Representative from Iuka Lodge, No. 694, having been amended, and being now in proper form, we would respectfully report him as the duly-accredited Representative from said Lodge.

SAMUEL E. ERICKSON,
W. H. HALL,
ISAAC GOLDEN.

The Trustees of the Old Folks' Home presented Document No. 21, the reading of which being in progress,—

On motion of Bro. Needles, P.G.M., the further reading was dispensed with, and it was ordered to be printed in the Daily Journal.

Past Grand Master Mansfield, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, explained that, for the convenience of the Grand Lodge in considering the matter, the Board had deemed it

best to present two distinct sets of Rules and Regulations and By-Laws, although they were identical except as to Article IV of the proposed By-Laws.

Document No. 21.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board of the Old Folks' Home respectfully submit the following plans for your selection for the government and maintenance of the Home.

First Plan.

Rules and Regulations for the Management of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, at Mattoon, Illinois.

The Board of Trustees of the Illinois Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, pursuant to resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I.O.O.F., and for the purpose of effecting uniformity in the administration of its affairs, recommend the following Rules and Regulations for its government.

I. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at the Home in Mattoon, at such times as shall be designated by the Board; special meetings may be called by the chairman, or on the written request of three of the members of the Board; notice of any meeting shall be given, in writing, by mail, by the Secretary, to each member of the Board.

II. The meetings held in the months of April and September, in each year, shall be known as the semi-annual and annual meetings respectively, at which meetings all of the Advisory Board members of the Old Folks' Home shall be so notified to be present.

III. A majority of the Board being present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

IV. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be a Chairman and a Secretary, and such other officers as the Board, from time to time, may determine to be necessary. The officers shall be elected annually, by majority vote or ballot, at the meeting which shall be held in the month of December, to serve one year, and until the election of their successors.

V. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, and be the Executive Officer thereof, and perform such duties as usually pertain to such office, and sign all requisitions drawn on the Grand Treasurer, and have prepared the annual report to the Grand Lodge. In the absence of the Chairman, or in case of his inability to act, the Chairman pro tem. shall perform the duties which appertain to the office of the Chairman.

VI. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, and an accurate account of all re-

ceipts and disbursements, and all property belonging to the Home, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Board of Trustees, or by the Grand Lodge, pertaining to the business of the Home.

VII. The Board of Trustees shall have power to appoint a Superintendent and a Matron, at their discretion, who must reside on the premises, and have immediate charge of the Home and its members, under the direction of the Trustees, subject to the rules and regulations which shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Trustees. For the faithful and satisfactory performance of their duties, the Superintendent and Matron shall receive such compensation as the Trustees shall, from time to time, determine, and each shall give bond as the Trustees may require.

By-Laws Recommended to the Grand Lodge for Adoption.

ARTICLE I. This Home is not founded as a hospital for the care of persons temporarily disabled by sickness or accident. It is established for the care and maintenance of members of the Order who are in good standing therein, and who are unable to earn a livelihood by reason of the infirmities of age or chronic afflictions, and the wives of such persons, and are in indigent circumstances, without other means of support, and also for widows of Odd Fellows who died in good standing, and members of Rebekah Lodges who are in like circumstances; and such persons, upon being admitted to the Home, will be cared for while they are members thereof, and will be required to relinquish all claims upon their respective Lodges for sick benefits, as a condition of their admission to and support in the Home.

ARTICLE II. Members of the Order to be entitled to the benefits of the Home shall have been in continuous good standing in the Order for the period of ten years previous to admission, and for at least five years thereof in this Grand Jurisdiction.

A widow who is otherwise qualified by age or affliction, whose husband was for ten consecutive years prior to and up to the time of his death in good standing in the Order, and for at least five years thereof in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be entitled to the benefits of this Home.

Members of the Home who shall become able to support themselves, or cease to be indigent, shall be dismissed from the Home, or shall pay such an amount for their maintenance as the Trustees shall require.

All applications shall be sent to the Secretary of the Board, and must be submitted to and passed upon by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III. In case of the death of a member of the Home, the burial of such member shall be in the control of the Board of Trustees, unless the Lodge in which the member held membership, or

the relatives and friends, desire to take charge of the remains; then such Lodge, relatives or friends, shall become responsible for all expenses and shall bury the member; but if the Trustees take charge of the remains, the expense of the funeral, if a brother, shall be paid by the Lodge of which the brother was a member when admitted to the Home, out of the funeral expenses prescribed by the by-laws of the Order, which must be paid to the Trustees of said Home to reimburse the Grand Lodge for its outlay.

The above rule shall apply to Rebekah members and widows, so far as practicable.

ARTICLE IV. *Terms of Admission.*—The Lodge in which the applicant for admission holds membership, or in which the deceased brother held membership whose widow applies for admission, shall pay all the expenses in transit to the Home of the approved applicant, and of his wife if she accompanies him, and shall pay to the Trustees of the Home, quarterly, the amount of Two Dollars ($2.00) weekly for each member of their Lodge or widow receiving the benefits of the Home. If a brother and his wife are admitted together, the Lodge in which the brother holds membership will be required to pay the weekly fees prescribed for the brother only, and the wife shall be admitted free of cost.

A wife who accompanies her husband to the Home shall, after his decease at the Home, leave the Home, unless she, by reason of age or affliction, shall on her own account be entitled to membership therein; in which case the Lodge to which the brother belonged at date of admission shall, during the life of the widow, for her maintenance pay said Home Two Dollars ($2.00) weekly, as required in case of brothers.

Any Lodge recommending admission of any person to this Home shall, on the approval of application, see that the person is cleanly, and is supplied with a new suit of clothes and one change of clothing; otherwise the Trustees shall procure the same at the expense of the Lodge.

All Lodges whose members are admitted to the Home shall keep such members in good standing in said Lodge by payment of dues while members of said Home.

ARTICLE V. The Trustees may accept donations of cash or property, or bequests, to be used for furnishing or maintaining the Home, or to be set to the credit of the endowment fund, as the donor or testator shall direct. If property is bequeathed or donated, the Trustees shall manage the same for the best interests of the Home until it can be converted into cash. The Trustees shall also prescribe conditions upon which non-indigent aged members of the Order, in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction, may be admitted to the Home and its care for any period, or for life; and all such transactions shall be reported to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI. Upon the opening of the Home, and at any time thereafter, as experience shall demonstrate the necessity therefor, the Board of Trustees shall prescribe and establish such rules of discipline for the government of the officers, servants and members of the Home as, in the judgment of the Board, may be required.

All members of the Home shall be amenable to the Trustees of the Home for their conduct as members of the Order.

Any insubordinate member of the Home shall be dismissed therefrom, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VII. *Intoxicating Liquors.*—No wines or intoxicating liquors of any kind shall ever be kept at or furnished to the Home, or in or upon any of the buildings or grounds belonging thereto, to be used as a beverage, and none shall be permitted to be so used thereat or thereon. A violation of this rule by member or employe shall be sufficient ground of dismissal from the Home; nor shall any person be permitted to remain at the Home in any capacity who is in the habit of becoming intoxicated elsewhere.

The foregoing rules, submitted as one of the plans, provide for the principal maintenance of the members of the Home by requiring the local Lodges sending members to the Home to pay therefor; the Grand Lodge to contribute to the Old Folks' Home not less than ten cents per capita, as originally contemplated.

And we further submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following rules and regulations that do not require the local Lodges that have members in the Home to pay therefor, but require the Grand Lodge to pay the entire cost of support and maintenance of the Home and its members.

SECOND PLAN.

[Rules and Regulations same as in First Plan.]

By-Laws Recommended to the Grand Lodge for Adoption.

ARTICLE I.
ARTICLE II. } Identical with those in First Plan.
ARTICLE III.

ARTICLE IV. *Terms of Admission.*—The Lodge in which the applicant for admission holds membership, or in which the deceased brother held membership whose widow applies for admission, shall pay all the expenses in transit to the Home of the approved applicant, and of his wife if she accompanies him.

A wife who accompanies her husband to the Home shall, after his decease at the Home, leave the Home, unless she, by reason of age or affliction, shall, on her own account, be entitled to membership therein.

Any Lodge recommending admission of any person to this Home shall, on the approval of application, see that the person is cleanly, and is supplied with a new suit of clothes and one change of clothing; otherwise the Trustees shall procure the same at the expense of the Lodge.

All Lodges whose members are admitted to the Home shall keep such members in good standing in such Lodge by payment of dues while members of said Home.

ARTICLE V.
ARTICLE VI. } Identical with those in First Plan.
ARTICLE VII.

In the event of the adoption of the latter set of rules and regulations, the Grand Lodge will be required to provide the entire means of support of the Home and its members, by a capitation tax or special assessment upon each member of the Subordinate Lodges in the State, or in some other manner to be decided upon.

Whatever may be the decision of this Grand Lodge as to the method of maintenance, your Trustees will administer the affairs of the Home for the comfort of its members and the interest and honor of this Grand Jurisdiction,

Fraternally and respectfully submitted.

NELLIE L. HARRIS,	C. F. MANSFIELD,
JENNIE A. TICKNOR,	J. H. RAIBLE,
IRENE REEVE,	W. R. JEWELL,
ETTA M. SPRINGER,	C. M. LYTLE,
CATHERINE HOEFER,	HENRY A. STONE,
Advisory Board.	Trustees.

On motion of Bro. Mansfield, P.G.M., consideration of the foregoing report was made a special order for to-morrow immediately after the noon recess.

On motion of Bro. Howard, P.G.M., consideration of the pending amendments to the Constitution providing for Biennial Sessions of the Grand Lodge was made a special order for nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Master announced appointments to fill vacancies in Standing Committees, as follows:

Committee on State of the Order—R. K. Dewey, of No. 3.

Committee on Legislation—A. L. Fyfe, of No. 416.

Committee on Finance—F. B. Merrills, of No. 650.

Committee on Rebekah Degree—Willis Melville, of No. 693; G. E. Dieckmann, of No. 562.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem—J. J. Lyell, of No. 558; L. W. Fribourg, of No. 65.

On motion of Bro. Needles P.G.M., the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, and was closed in due form.

After the Grand Lodge was closed, G.Rep. Humphrey introduced a company of children from the Orphans' Home, who entertained the members, and visitors of both sexes who had entered, with instrumental and vocal music and recitations. The entertainment lasted for an hour or more, and was heartily enjoyed and rapturously applauded. Among the children was one of the first group admitted to the Home, Jan. 26, 1893, who was then but six years old.

Wednesday Morning, November 16.

9 O'Clock.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Lindly in the chair.

Present—Grand Officers as yesterday, with a quorum of Representatatives.

The Grand Master appointed assistants to the Grand Marshal as follows:

Bros. A. L. Bone, of No. 3; J. E. Davis, of No. 450; Grant Womer, of No. 825; H. T. Pemberton, of No. 24; J. E. Taylor, of No. 118; Chris. C. Cross, of No. 316; George B. Roller, of No. 15; Israel Fireman, of No. 822.

The Grand Marshal, with his assistants, having examined the members present, reported all correct.

The Opening Ode was sung, and the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Grand Lodge was then declared regularly opened for the transaction of business.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. W. L. Sweeney, of No. 18, P.D.G.M., Deputy Grand Master during a temporary absence of Bro. Berry.

This being the hour set for considering the several proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge relating to Biennial Sessions,—

Bro. Melville, of No 693, offered the following.

Document No. 22.

Whereas, While it is true that many Lodges in this jurisdiction have voted to hold Biennial Sessions of this Grand Lodge, and many of said Lodges have instructed their representatives to vote for biennial sessions; and

WHEREAS, There seems to be a strong sentiment that probably such instructions were made hastily, and a proper expression after due deliberation has not been had; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the entire question of Biennial Sessions be printed in the Grand Lodge Journal, and be laid over one year for final action.

(Signed by)

WILLIS MELVILLE, of 693.
CHAS. MADDOX, Rep. 445.
CHAS. HIRSHFIELD, Rep. 11.
C. R. HUNT, Rep. 299.
ISAAC GOLDEN, Rep. 822.
E. R. POLK, Rep. 693.
WM. R. TRIPP, Rep. 423.

The foregoing resolution being under consideration,—

Rep. O'Brien, of No. 230, called for the consideration of Document No. 173, page 377, Journal of 1897.

On motion of Bro. Conway, G.R., it was ordered that the same be taken up immediately after the final vote of the Grand Lodge on the question now under consideration.

The resolution for postponement being under discussion, and the hour for Nomination of Officers having arrived, debate was suspended, and the following nominations were made.

FOR GRAND MASTER.

Bro. Howard, P.G.M., nominated Melvin P. Berry, of No. 412.

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Bro. Hunt, of No. 299, nominated L. L. McKinley, of No. 41.
Bro. Orendorff, P.G.M., nominated J. W. Yantis, of No. 117.
Bro. Warner, of No. 160, nominated Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Pemberton, of No. 24, nominated J. R. Kewley, of No. 450.
Bro. Phillips, P.G.M., nominated W. R. Humphrey, of No. 240.
Bro. Blades, of No. 191, nominated J. Wilson Jones, of No. 191.
Bro. Houser, of No. 613, nominated F. B. Merrills, of No. 650.
Bro. Boicourt, of No. 442, nominated G. W. Young, of No. 392.
Bro. Cohen, of No. 331, nominated A. W. Pierce, of No. 80.
Bro. Adams, of No. 374, nominated C. E. Wolfe, of No. 151.
Bro. Womer, of No. 825, nominated W. H. Bean, of No. 825.
Bro. Grubbs, of No. 760, nominated T. J. Gregory, of No. 10.
Bro. Wood, of No. 801, nominated J. W. Allaben, of No. 197.
Bro. Jardine, of No. 140, nominated Jas. P. O'Brien, of No. 230.
Bro. Smith, of No. 310, nominated H. T. Pemberton, of No. 24.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, nominated James R. Miller, of No. 426.

Bro. Brown, of No. 657, nominated James Kinney, of No. 96.

Bro. Gregor, of No. 65, nominated C. M. Lytle, of No. 186.

Bro. Kelley, of No. 703, nominated J. W. Wheatley, of No. 232.

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. Wheatley, P.G.M., nominated Thomas B. Needles, of No. 37.

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Bro. Jones, of No. 253, nominated Cicero J. Lindly, of No. 3.

Bro. Conway, of No. 217, nominated J. Otis Humphrey, of No. 465.

Bro. Brown, of No. 122, nominated Henry A. Stone, of No. 562.

Bro. Koehne, of No. 261, nominated George C. Rankin, of No. 160.

The Grand Master called Past Grand Master Conway to the chair.

Discussion was resumed on the resolution to postpone the question of Biennial Sessions, including in its range the general question of the desirability of the change, and continued until noon, when, —

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock, and was closed in due form.

Wednesday Afternoon, November 16.

2:00 O'Clock.

Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment.

All Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

The Grand Marshal and assistants, having examined the members present, reported all correct.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Grand Lodge was then declared regularly opened for the transaction of business.

Bro. Phillips, P G.M., moved that the case of Safford Lodge, No. 67, vs. Carmi Lodge, No. 189, now pending in this Grand Lodge on appeal from the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, be recommitted to said committee for a new hearing, with the privilege to either party to present additional evidence before the committee.

The motion prevailed, and the case was recommitted.

The special order—consideration of the resolution to postpone the question on Biennial Sessions of the Grand Lodge—was resumed and the discussion continued.

Bro. Conway, G.R., introduced Col. M. F. Doud, of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, as a visiting brother.

Rep. Goble, of No. 294, moved the previous question. The motion was not sustained.

Grand Master Lindly, desiring to speak on the question, called Deputy Grand Master Berry to the chair.

The Grand Master, having spoken, resumed the chair.

Rep. Dunham, of No. 418, offered a substitute for the resolution under consideration, which was ruled out of order at the present stage of proceedings.

The discussion being brought to a close, and the question being upon the adoption of the resolution—Doc. 22, page 200-1,—

Petitions for a call of Lodges were presented, as follows.

Document No. 23.

To the Honorable Cicero J. Lindly, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F., in the State of Illinois:

The undersigned, Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges of the I.O.O.F. in the State of Illinois, would most respectfully petition you that, in your capacity as presiding officer over the deliberations of said Grand Lodge, upon all resolutions and motions pertaining in any manner whatsoever to Biennial Sessions, that you order a call of the roll of Lodges, so that each Representative may have the opportunity of voting either according to the instructions received by him from the Lodge, or according to his own judgment, as he may deem for the best interests of the Order.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

(Signed by)

J. C. Dunham, No. 418.
W. A. Graham, No. 606.
J. A. Ducker, No. 454.
J. E. Caswell, No. 293.
T. J. Baty, No. 826.
D. T. Griffin, No. 67.
W. F. Lehmkuhl, No. 456.
S. A. Rigg, No. 348.
G. N. Burkhardt, No. 353.
Wm. W. Burdsall, No. 587.
F. P. Hardy, No. 91.
J. F. Stephenson, No. 541.
W. E. P. Anderson, No. 350.

Document No. 24.

To the Grand Master:

We, the undersigned representatives, herewith call for and demand a roll-call of Lodges on pending resolution.

(Signed by)

H. M. Cohen, Rep. No. 331.
W. V. Riddern, Rep. No. 847.
Hy. Braumoeller, Rep. No. 221.
A. W. Pierce, Rep. No. 80.
F. D. P. Snelling, No. 601.
Spencer Ward, Rep. No. 601.
J. C. Dunham, Rep. No. 418.
I. R. Gardner, Rep. No. 665.
E. Dinkelman, Rep. No. 238.
A. M. Newcomer, Rep. No. 56.
W. H. Bryant, Rep. No. 856.
N. F. Keim, Rep. No. 671.
A. Sumerlin, Rep. No. 260.
Guy Blanchard, Rep. No. 97.

The roll of Lodges was then called and the vote taken, resulting—Yeas, 2,777; Nays, 1,756; and the resolution to postpone further consideration of the question of Biennial Sessions for one year was declared adopted.

On motion of Bro. Blaney, of No. 12, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until 7:30 this evening, and was closed in due form.

ROLL-CALL—BIENNIAL SESSIONS POSTPONEMENT.

No. L'dg	No M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.	No L'dg.	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes	No L'dg	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.
1.	116	.....	11	53.	82	.....	.....	105.	78	.....	7
2.	61	.....	6	54.	48	.....	4	106.	23	2	.....
3.	83	8	.....	55.	103	.....	10	107.	138	13	.....
4.	313	31	.....	56.	23	.....	2	108.	73	.....	7
5.	76	.....	7	57.	61	6	.....	109.	160	16	.....
6.	201	20	.....	58.	134	.....	13	110.	105	10	.....
7.	137	.....	13	59	.....	.....	.....	111.	53	5	.....
8.	182	18	.....	60.	51	.....	5	112.	45	.....	4
9.	185	.....	18	61.	66	6	.....	113.	98	9	.....
10.	76	7	.....	62.	40	4	.....	114.	54	5	.....
11.	121	12	.....	63.	32	3	.....	115.	38	.....	3
12.	97	.....	9	64.	58	.....	5	116.	40	.....	4
13.	89	8	.....	65.	159	15	.....	117.	104	10	.....
14.	97	.....	9	66.	21	2	.....	118.	51	.....	5
15.	235	23	.....	67.	107	10	.....	119.	61	6	.....
16.	93	.....	9	68.	41	4	.....	120.	72	7	.....
17.	39	.....	3	69.	195	.....	19	121.	63	6	.....
18.	155	15	.....	70.	119	11	.....	122.	43	.....	4
19.	34	.....	.....	71.	50	5	...	123.	106	10	.....
20.	31	3	.....	72.	38	3	.....	124.	40	.....	4
21.	122	12	.....	73.	40	4	.....	125.	30	.....	.....
22.	105	10	.....	74.	75	7	.....	126.	87	.....	8
23.	44	4	.....	75.	111	.....	11	127.	70	.....	7
24.	121	12	.....	76.	112	11	.....	128.	117	11	.....
25.	40	.....	4	77.	182	18	.....	129.	42	4	.....
26.	28	.....	2	78.	45	4	.....	130.	26	.....	2
27.	52	.....	5	79.	61	6	.....	131.	26	2	.....
28.	96	9	.....	80.	70	.....	7	132.	103	10	.....
29.	154	15	.....	81.	26	2	.....	133.	79	7	.....
30.	72	.....	7	82.	15	1	.....	134.	65	6	.....
31.	95	.....	9	83.	13	1	.....	135.	11	1	.....
32.	104	10	.....	84.	31	3	.....	136.	15	1	.....
33.	30	3	.....	85.	38	3	.....	137.	21	.....	.....
34.	81	.....	8	86.	45	.....	4	138.	51	.....	.....
35.	67	6	.....	87.	34	3	.....	139.	59	5	.....
36.	88	8	.....	88.	24	2	.....	140.	124	.....	12
37.	31	3	.....	89.	49	4	.....	141.	101	.....	10
38.	31	3	.....	90.	139	.....	13	142.	55	5	.....
39.	56	5	.....	91.	111	.....	11	143.	38	.....	.....
40.	31	3	.....	92.	24	2	.....	144.	45	4	.....
41.	69	6	.....	93.	68	6	.....	145.	65	6	.....
42.	101	10	.....	94.	61	.....	6	146.	30	3	.....
43.	111	11	.....	95.	84	.....	.....	147.	73	7	.....
44.	81	.....	8	96.	73	7	.....	148.	44	4	.....
45.	218	.....	21	97.	45	.....	4	149.	116	.....	11
46.	101	10	.....	98.	83	8	.....	150.	30	3	.....
47.	122	.....	12	99.	26	2	.....	151.	63	6	.....
48.	86	8	.....	100.	80	.....	8	152.	50	5	.....
49.	28	2	.....	101.	91	.....	9	153.	26	2	.....
50.	116	11	.....	102.	112	11	.....	154.	43	4	.....
51.	32	3	.....	103.	30	3	.....	155.	63	6	.....
52.	63	6	.....	104.	64	6	.....	156.	11	.....	.....

ROLL-CALL—*Continued.*

No. L'dg	No M'bers	Ayes	Noes.	No. L'dg	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.	No. L'dg	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.
157.	25	2	.....	209.	11	1	.....	261.	208	.....	20
158.	60	6	.....	210.	66	.....	6	262.	120	12	.....
159.	90	.....	9	211.	22	2	.....	263.	44	.....	4
160.	108	.....	10	212.	108	10	.....	264.	43	4	.....
161.	34	3	.....	213.	45	4	.....	265.	135	13	.....
162.	22	.....	.....	214.	167	16	.....	266.	48	4	.....
163.	49	4	.....	215.	143	14	.....	267.	35	.....	3
164.	41	4	.....	216	26	2	.....	368.	18	.....	1
165.	.....	.....	.....	217.	63	6	.....	269.	36	3	.....
166.	68	6	.....	218.	59	.....	5	270.	74	.....	.....
167.	.....	.....	.....	219.	34	3	.....	271.	62	6	.....
168.	12	.....	.....	220.	30	.....	3	272.	34	3	.....
169.	35	3	.....	221.	82	.....	8	273.	33	3	.....
170.	17	1	.....	222.	70	.....	7	274.	29	2	.....
171.	49	4	.....	223.	86	8	.....	275.	16	1	.....
172.	63	6	.....	224.	78	7	.....	276.	31	3	.....
173.	20	.....	2	225.	81	8	.....	277.	50	.....	5
174.	106	.....	10	226.	15	1	.....	278.	35	.....	.....
175.	23	.....	.....	227.	30	.....	3	279.	8	1	.....
176.	102	10	.....	228.	19	1	.....	280.	26	2	.....
177.	28	2	.....	229.	17	1	.....	281.	152	.....	15
178.	6	.....	.....	230.	69	.....	6	282.	40	4	.....
179.	77	7	.....	231.	64	.....	6	283.	32	3	.....
180.	91	9	.....	232.	102	10	.....	284.	34	.....	3
181.	13	1	.....	233.	45	.....	.....	285.	38	3	.....
182.	14	1	.....	234.	24	2	.....	286.	65	.....	6
183.	31	.....	3	235.	38	3	.....	287.	39	3	.....
184.	74	7	.....	236.	60	6	.....	288.	77	.....	.....
185.	58	.....	.....	237.	86	8	.....	289.	74	7	.....
186.	116	11	.....	238.	86	8	.....	290.	124	.....	12
187.	17	.....	1	239.	85	.....	8	291.	80	.....	8
188.	43	4	.....	240.	279	27	.....	292.	33	3	.....
189.	38	3	.....	241.	53	.....	.....	293.	69	.....	6
190.	53	5	.....	242.	19	1	.....	294.	26	.....	2
191.	41	4	.....	243.	163	16	....	295.	101	.....	10
192.	70	.....	7	244.	59	.....	5	296.	38	3	.....
193.	43	.....	4	245.	33	3	.....	297.	122	12	.....
194.	27	.....	2	246.	47	4	.....	298.	38	3	.....
195.	40	.....	4	247.	17	.....	1	299.	75	7	.....
196.	108	10	.....	248.	21	2	.....	300.	50	5	.....
197.	99	.....	9	249.	78	7	.....	301.	23	2	.....
198.	109	.....	10	250.	49	4	.....	302.	33	3	.....
199.	65	6	.....	251.	32	3	.....	303	40	.....	4
200.	32	.....	3	252.	48	4	.....	304.	36	.....	3
201.	34	3	.....	253.	49	.....	4	305.	106	10	.....
202.	51	.....	5	254.	41	4	.....	306.	25	.....	2
203.	40	4	.....	255.	34	.....	3	307.	49	.....	4
204.	101	.....	10	256.	63	6	.....	308.	22	.....	.....
205.	54	5	.....	257.	165	.....	16	309.	21	2	.....
206.	78	.....	7	258.	48	.....	4	310.	93	9	.....
207.	30	.....	3	259.	26	.....	2	311.	53	5	.....
208.	60	6	.....	260.	180	.....	18	312.	33	3	.....

ROLL-CALL—*Continued.*

No L'dg	No M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.	No. L'dg.	No M'bers	Ayes.	Noes	No. L'dg	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.
313.	28	2	.....	365.	91	9	.....	417.	16	1	.....
314.	104	10	.....	366.	24	2	.....	418.	58	.....	5
315.	38	.....	3	367.	60	.....	.....	419	7	1	.....
316.	108	10	.....	368.	21	2	.....	420.	61	6	.....
317.	13	1	.....	369.	77	7	.....	421.	42	....	4
318.	30	3	.....	370.	40	.....	4	422.	33	3	....
319.	95	.....	9	371.	44	4	.....	423.	24	2	.....
320.	15	1	.....	372.	73	7	.....	424.	49	4	.....
321.	80	.....	8	373.	8	.....	1	425.	19	1	...
322.	161	.....	16	374.	106	.....	10	426.	66	....	6
323.	28	.....	2	375.	33	3	.....	427.	31	...	3
324.	39	3	.....	376.	12	1	.....	428.	19	1	.....
325.	60	6	.....	377.	63	.....	6	429.	36	.....	3
326.	44	4	.....	378.	62	.....	6	430.	9	.....	1
327.	103	.....	10	379.	53	.....	5	431.	40	.....	4
328.	162	.....	16	380.	55	5	.....	432	139	.....	13
329.	160	.....	16	381.	24	2	.....	433	34	3	.....
330.	73	.....	7	382.	15	.....	.....	434.	105	10	.....
331.	124	.....	12	383.	34	.....	.....	435	138	....	13
332.	38	3	.....	384.	46	.....	4	436.	42	4	.....
333.	97	9	.....	385.	23	2	.....	437.	.....	.....	.....
334.	46	4	.....	386.	122	12	.....	438.	60	.....	.....
335.	62	.....	.....	387.	54	5	.....	439.	36	.....	3
336.	83	8	.....	388.	58	.....	5	440.	38	3	.....
337.	68	.....	6	389.	99	.....	9	441.	26	2	.....
338.	55	.....	5	390.	36	.....	3	442.	69	.....	6
339.	14	1	.....	391.	195	.....	19	443.	26	.....	2
340.	37	3	.....	392.	60	6	.....	444.	58	5	.....
341.	30	.....	3	393.	14	1	.....	445.	58	5	.....
342.	65	.....	6	394.	24	2	.....	446.	54	5	.....
343.	32	3	.....	395.	78	7	.....	447.	135	.....	13
344.	41	4	.....	396.	25	2	.....	448.	59	5	....
345.	85	.....	8	397.	19	1	.....	449.	36	.....	.....
346.	66	6	.....	398.	86	.....	8	450.	75	7	.....
347.	34	3	.....	399.	.....	.....	.....	451.	35	.....	3
348.	30	3	.....	400.	188	18	.....	452.	57	5	.....
349.	16	1	.....	401.	13	1	.....	453.	.....	.....	.....
350.	49	.....	4	402.	104	10	.....	454.	67	6	.....
351.	21	.....	.....	403.	60	.....	6	455.	23	2	.....
352.	31	.....	3	404.	71	.....	7	456.	24	2	.....
353.	87	.....	8	405.	44	4	.....	457.	54	....	5
354.	57	.....	5	406.	38	.....	3	458.	48	4	.....
355.	55	.....	5	407.	98	9	.....	459	22	2	.....
356.	47	4	.....	408.	79	7	.....	460.	90	9	.....
327.	124	12	.....	409.	56	5	.....	461.	24	2	.....
358.	35	.....	3	410	16	1	.....	462	15	...	.....
359.	59	5	.....	411	49	.....	4	463	37	3	.....
360.	59	5	.....	412.	124	.....	12	464.	61	6	.....
361.	130	13	.....	413.	76	7	.....	465.	203	20	.....
362.	229	.....	22	414.	15	1	.....	466.	69	.....	6
363.	35	.....	.....	415.	37	3	.....	467	66	.....	6
364.	42	4	.....	416.	161	16	.....	468.	10	1	.....

ROLL-CALL—*Continued.*

No. L'dg	No M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.	No L'dg	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.	No. L'dg	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.
469.	101	.....	10	521.	172	.....	17	573.	31	3	.....
470.	39	3	.....	522.	24	2	.....	574.	72	.....	7
471.	69	6	.....	523.	62	6	.....	575.	55	5	.....
472	33	3	.....	524.	124	.....	12	576.	84	8	.....
473.	20	2	.....	525.	105	10	.....	577.	133	13	.....
474.	44	4	.....	526.	52	5	.....	578	55	5	.....
475.	28	2	.....	527.	14	1	.....	579	58	5	.....
476.	32	3	.....	528.	40	4	.....	580.	16	1	.....
477.	146	.....	14	529.	54	5	.....	581.	38	3	.....
478.	120	12	.....	530.	.....	.....	.....	582.	14	.....	1
479.	160	.....	16	531.	72	.....	7	583.	205	20	.....
480	100	10	.....	532.	40	.....	.....	584.	109	.....	10
481.	22	2	.....	533.	28	2	.....	585.	14	1	.....
482.	61	.....	6	534.	50	5	.....	586.	18	.....	.....
483.	77	7	.....	535.	44	.....	4	587.	54	.....	5
484.	44	.....	4	536.	39	3	.....	588.	27	2	.....
485.	92	9	.....	537.	51	5	.....	589.	45	4	.....
486.	32	.....	3	538.	55	.....	5	590.	58	.....	5
487.	27	2	.....	539.	22	2	.....	591.	23	.....	2
488	211	21	.....	540.	76	7	.....	592.	38	.....	3
489.	37	3	.....	541.	79	.....	7	593.	72	.....	7
490.	98	.....	9	542.	86	.....	8	594.	41	.....	4
491.	25	2	.....	543.	65	.....	6	595.	41	.....	4
492.	18	1	.....	544.	106	.....	10	596.	29	2	.....
493.	35	3	.....	545.	111	.....	11	597.	34	.....	3
494.	.....	.....	.....	546.	30	.....	3	598.	18	.....	1
495.	94	.....	9	547.	26	.....	.....	599.	31	3	.....
496.	22	.....	2	548.	18	.....	1	600.	71	7	.....
497.	7	.....	.....	549.	46	4	.....	601.	88	8	.....
498	.....	.....	.....	550.	55	.....	5	602.	89	8	.....
499.	60	6	.....	551.	30	3	.....	603.	33	3	.....
500.	21	2	.....	552	63	6	.....	604.	33	.....	3
501.	27	.....	2	553.	37	3	.....	605.	29	2	.....
502.	41	4	.....	554	42	4	.....	606.	20	2	.....
503.	51	5	.....	555.	34	.....	3	607.	33	.....	3
504.	43	4	.....	556.	43	4	.....	608.	84	8	.....
505.	36	3	.....	557.	79	.....	7	609.	123	.....	12
506.	162	16	.....	558.	51	5	.....	610.	25	2	.....
507.	33	.....	3	559.	30	3	.....	611.	16	1	.....
508.	48	4	.....	560.	23	2	.....	612.	31	3	.....
509.	54	5	.....	561.	79	7	.....	613.	153	15	.....
510.	106	10	.....	562.	96	9	.....	614.	58	5	.....
511.	24	.....	2	f63	54	5	.....	615.	40	4	.....
512.	26	2	.....	564.	58	5		616.	56	5	.....
513.	90	9	.....	565.	39	3	.....	617.	27	2	.....
514.	26	.....	2	566	54	5	.....	618.	64	6	.....
515.	29	2	.....	567.	19	.....	1	619.	75	.....	7
516.	26	2	.....	568.	54	5	.....	620.	43	4	.....
517.	115	11	.....	569.	.....	.....	.....	621.	16	1	.....
518.	25	2	.....	570.	27	2	.....	622.	21	.....	2
519.	.....	.....	.....	571.	62	.....	6	623.	17	.....	1
520.	49	4	.....	572.	30	3	.....	624.	37	3	.....

ROLL-CALL—*Continued.*

No L'dg	No M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.	No. L'dg	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.	No. L'dg	No M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.
625.	28	2	.....	677.	36	3	.....	729.	.....	.....	.....
626.	62	6	.....	678.	26	.....	2	730.	31	3	.....
627.	10	1	.....	679.	115	.....	11	731.	48	4	.....
628.	19	1	.....	680.	.....	.....	.....	732.	21	2	.....
629.	14	.....	1	681.	38	.....	3	733.	23	2	.....
630.	118	.....	11	682.	24	2	.....	734.	41	4	.....
631.	48	.....	4	683.	39	3	.....	735.	74	.....	7
632.	62	.....	6	684.	35	3	.....	736	35	3	.....
633.	66	6	.....	685.	20	2	.....	737.	27	2	.....
634.	34	.....	3	686.	33	3	.....	738.	.....	.....	.....
635.	67	6	.....	687.	13	1	.....	739.	26	2	.....
636.	64	6	.....	688.	18	1	.....	740.	41	4	.....
637.	89	.....	8	689.	100	.....	10	741.	36	3	.....
638.	64	6	.....	690.	27	2	.....	742.	56	5	.....
639.	90	9	.....	691.	68	.....	6	743.	21	2	.....
640.	46	4	.....	692.	67	.....	6	744.	15	.....	.....
641.	44	4	.....	693.	36	3	.....	745.	61	.....	6
642.	41	4	.....	694.	17	1	.....	746.	83	8	.....
643.	25	2	.....	695.	.....	.....	.....	747.	81	8	.....
644.	39	3	.....	696.	128	12	.....	748.	36	3	.....
645.	52	5	.....	697.	84	8	.....	749.	71	.....	.....
646.	63	6	.....	698.	87	8	.....	750.	50	5	.....
647.	29	2	.....	699.	173	17	.....	751.	40	4	.....
648.	20	2	.....	700.	21	.....	2	752.	97	9	.....
649.	43	.....	4	701.	.....	.....	.....	753.	17	1	.....
650.	42	.....	4	702.	40	4	.....	754.	5	.....	.....
651.	33	3	.....	703.	80	8	.....	755.	.....	.....	.....
652.	40	.....	4	704.	60	.....	6	756.	133	.....	13
653.	82	.....	8	705.	16	1	.....	757.	56	5	.....
654.	7	.....	1	706.	18	1	.....	758.	47	.....	4
655.	.....	.....	.....	707.	31	3	.....	759.	58	5	.....
656.	11	1	.....	708.	49	.....	4	760.	107	10	.....
657.	42	4	.....	709.	9	1	.....	761.	102	10	.....
658.	81	.....	8	710.	15	1	.....	762.	14	.....	.....
659.	73	7	.....	711.	31	3	.....	763.	23	2	.....
660.	20	2	.....	712.	15	1	.....	764.	14	.....	1
661.	91	9	.....	713.	21	2	.....	765.	44	.....	4
662.	75	.....	7	714.	133	13	.....	766.	42	.....	4
663.	25	2	.....	715.	101	10	.....	767.	62	6	.....
664.	129	.....	12	716.	140	.....	14	768.	82	8	.....
665.	115	.....	11	717.	133	.....	13	769.	32	3	.....
666.	36	.....	3	718.	103	10	.....	770.	46	4	.....
667.	40	4	.....	719.	43	.....	4	771.	53	5	.....
668.	35	3	.....	720.	75	7	.....	772.	27	.....	.....
669.	20	.....	.....	721.	66	6	.....	773.	14	1	.....
670.	40	4	.....	722.	136	.....	13	774.	48	4	.....
671.	20	.....	2	723.	29	2	.....	775.	32	3	.....
672.	51	5	.....	724.	53	.....	5	776.	70	7	.....
673.	67	.....	6	725.	31	.....	3	777.	48	4	.....
674.	58	.....	5	726.	61	6	.....	778.	23	.....	2
675.	36	3	.....	727.	35	3	.....	779.	53	5	.....
676.	44	4	.....	728.	43	.....	4	780.	37	3	.....

ROLL-CALL—*Concluded.*

No. L'dg.	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes	No L'dg.	No. M'bers	Ayes.	Noes	No. L'dg	No M'bers	Ayes.	Noes.
781.	26	2	.....	818.	.....	.....	.....	855.	33	3	.....
782.	120	12	.....	819.	41	4	.....	856.	35	3	.....
783.	50	5	.....	820.	40	4	.....	857.	50	.....	5
784.	21	2	.....	821.	29	2	.....	858.	142	.....	14
785.	32	.....	.....	822.	75	7	.....	859.	35	3	.....
786.	50	5	.....	823.	20	2	.....	860.	25	2	.....
787.	49	.....	.....	824.	37	3	.....	861.	21	.....	.....
788.	.....	.....	.....	825.	196	19	.....	862.	45	.....	4
789.	24	2	.....	826.	33	.....	3	863.	50	5	.....
790.	23	2	.....	827.	51	5	.....	864.	70	7	.....
791.	35	3	....	828.	.....	.....	.....	865.	41	4	.....
792.	48	4	... .	829.	42	.....	4	866.	45	4	.....
793.	125	.....	12	830.	74	7	.....	867.	37	3	.....
794.	49	4	.....	831.	65	.....	6	868.	64	.....	6
795.	33	3	.....	832.	46	4	.....	869.	26	2	.....
796.	50	5	.....	833.	38	.....	3	870.	94	9	.... .
797.	.....	.....	.....	834.	49	4	.....	871.	58	.....	5
798.	25	.....	. ....	835.	57	.....	5	872.	33	.....	3
799.	.....	.....	.....	836.	30	3	.....	873.	42	.....	4
800.	44	4	.....	837.	36	.....	.....	874.	41	4	.....
801.	31	3	.....	838.	42	.....	.....	875.	54	.....	5
802.	13	1	.....	839.	48	.....	4	876.	37	3	.....
803.	48	4	.....	840.	11	.....	.....	877.	40	4	.....
804.	26	2	.....	841.	21	.....	2	878.	59	.....	5
805.	25	2	...	842.	59	5	.....	879.	41	4	.....
806.	24	2	.....	843.	42	4	.....	880.	35	3	.....
807.	25	2	.....	844.	43	.. ...	4	881.	38	3	.....
808.	51	.....	.....	845.	49	4	.....	882.	33	3	.....
809.	23	2	.....	846.	35	3	.....	883.	36	3	.....
810.	46	4	.....	847.	46	.....	4	884.	25	.....	2
811.	11	.....	.....	848.	70	.....	.....	885.	.....	.....	.....
812.	311	.....	31	849.	26	2	.....	886.	26	.....	2
813.	34	3	.....	850.	9	1	.....				
814.	55	5	.....	851.	29	2	.....			2,777	1,756
815.	30	.....	.....	852.	67	6	.....				
816.	35	3	.....	853.	53	.....	5				
817.	114	.....	11	854.	27	2	.....				

Wednesday Evening, November 16, 1898.

7:30 O'Clock.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Lindly in the chair.

All Officers and a quorum of Representatives were present.

The Grand Marshal, with assistants, having made his examination and having reported all correct, the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for the transaction of business.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing term.

FOR GRAND MASTER.

There being but one candidate in nomination,—

On motion of Bro. Stone, of No. 562, P.G.M., the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast the entire vote of the Grand Lodge for Melvin P. Berry, of No. 412, D.G.M.; which having been done, Bro. Berry was declared duly elected Grand Master for the ensuing term.

The Grand Master appointed the following as

Tellers—Bros. F. W. Latimer, Isaac Golden, W. Bachmann, R. J. Gipp, W. H. Hall, Randolph Carris, I. Fireman, Wm. Watson, A. M. Jones, H. C. Feltman, Chris. C. Cross, and F. Bradford.

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

A ballot was had.

[While the Tellers were counting the votes on this and succeeding ballots, other business was transacted.]

Rep. George A. Seeley, No 205, was excused from further attendance, on account of the destruction by fire of the building in which he did business, with allowance of mileage and per diem.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the further special order—consideration of the Report of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board of the Old Folks' Home (Doc. 21, page 194)

Bro. Needles, P.G.M., moved that said report be considered and acted upon by sections, seriatim; and the motion prevailed.

The proposed "Rules and Regulations" were first considered.

Section I was approved without change.

Section II being under consideration,—the section was amended by substituting the word "October" for the word "September" in the first line, and by striking out the word "so" in the last line; and the section so amended was approved.

Sections III and IV were approved without change.

Section V being under consideration, Bro. Needles, P.G.M., moved the following:

Amend Section V of Rules and Regulations by adding, after the words "Grand Treasurer" in the fourth line, the words "and shall forward said requisitions to the Grand Secretary, who shall present the same to the Grand Master for his approval, and when so approved, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary shall draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the amounts of said requisitions."

The motion to amend prevailed, and the section so amended was approved.

Sections VI and VII were approved without change.

The Tellers presented the following report.

Document No. 25.

First report, by Bro. Latimer, of No. 184.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee of Tellers would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of First Ballot for Deputy Grand Master:

Whole number of votes cast	920
Necessary to a choice	461
of which	
Bro. L. L. McKinley received	538
Bro. J. W. Yantis received	339
Bro. Jacob Krohn received	43
	920

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. LATIMER, CHRIS. C. CROSS,
ISAAC GOLDEN, I. FIREMAN,
A. M. JONES, H. C. FELTMAN,
WILLIAM WATSON, WILLIAM H. HALL.
R. CARRIS, F. BRADFORD.
R. J. GIPP,

Bro. L. L. McKinley, of No. 41, G.W., having received a majority of the votes cast, the Grand Master declared him duly elected Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing term.

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

Further nominations were made as follows:

Bro. Shaw, of No. 460, nominated J. A. Lucas, of No. 69.
Bro. Carey, of No. 706, nominated B. F. Gray, of No. 476.

Bros. George W. Young, of No. 392, and T. J. Gregory, of No. 10, declined the nomination.

A ballot was had.

Rep. T. B. Bollan, of No. 638, was excused from further attendance, on account of sickness of his wife, with allowance of mileage and per diem.

Consideration of the Report on Old Folks' Home was resumed.

Article I of the proposed "By-Laws" was approved without change.

The tellers presented the following report.

Second report, by Bro. Latimer, of No. 184.

Document No. 26.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee of Tellers would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Ballot for Grand Warden:

Whole number of votes cast	920
Necessary for choice	461

of which

Bro. Kewley received	339
Bro. Humphrey received	158
Bro. Lucas received	155
Bro. Merrills received	70
Bro. Wolfe received	70
Bro. Pemberton received	35
Bro. Jones received	34
Bro. O'Brien received	30
Bro. Bean received	15
Bro. Allaben received	8
Bro. Gray received	4
Bro. Murphy received	1
Bro. Wheeler received	1
	920

No choice

Respectfully.

F. W. Latimer, H. C. Feltman,
Chris. Cross, R. Carris,
Wm. Watson, I. Fireman,
Isaac Golden, R. J. Gipp,
A. M. Jones, F. Bradford.

Bros. Murphy and Wheeler having received the lowest vote, their names were dropped.

Bros. Gray and Pemberton withdrew their names.

There being no choice, another ballot was ordered.

Rep. Cook, of No. 190, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. [See ninth report of that committee.]

Document No. 27.

Resolved, That Section 4 of Article V of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"The Elective Officers shall be chosen at the first regular meeting in March, and shall hold their respective offices for one year, and until their successors shall have been installed. They shall be installed at the first meeting in April. If a public installation of officers be had, it may be at another time than that specified above, but not prior to the first meeting in April."

Reps. Mollman, of No. 539, Kilian of No. 286, and Leiner, of No. 326, offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation. [See twelfth report of that committee; also, fifth report of the Committee on Printing.]

Document No. 28.

Be it Resolved, That Section 8 of Article VI of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended by substituting the word "the" for the word "both," and by striking out the words "and German," all in the seventh line of said section, as found in the Book of the Constitutions for Illinois, 1896, so that the same shall read as follows:

"The Committee on Printing shall superintend all printing, and shall purchase all stationery and blanks not supplied by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They shall advertise for bids for printing the Reports of the Grand Officers, the Proceedings of the Annual Session of this Grand Lodge in the English language, and such other printing as may be required by the Grand Officers, awarding the contract for such work to the lowest responsible bidder, and reporting the original list of said bidders, with the prices that they had offered to perform the work for, to the next session of the Grand Lodge. They shall sign all bills for which they may have awarded contracts, as being correct, and forward the same to the Finance Committee for their approval; and no warrant, or warrants, shall be drawn by the Grand Secretary for the payment of any printing-bill until the same has been approved by a majority of the Finance Committee."

Article II of the proposed By-Laws for the Old Folks' Home being under consideration, several amendments were proposed which were not adopted. The article was amended by inserting the word "next" after the word "years" in the third line of the first paragraph, and by substituting the word "discharged" for the word "dismissed" in the second line of the third paragraph, and when so amended was approved.

Article III was approved without change.

Article IV, as presented in the second plan, being under consideration,—

Bro. Mansfield, P.G.M., moved to amend the first paragraph of said article by adding thereto the following: "and shall pay to the Trustees of the Home a reasonable fee, at

the discretion of the Trustees, not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per week for each member," so that the paragraph shall read:

ARTICLE IV. *Terms of Admission.*—The Lodge in which the applicant for admission holds membership, or in which the deceased brother held membership whose widow applies for admission, shall pay all the expenses in transit to the Home of the approved applicant, and of his wife if she accompanies him, and shall pay to the Trustees of the Home a reasonable fee, at the discretion of the Trustees, not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per week for each member.

Rep. Geo. W. Young, of No. 392, moved further to amend same paragraph, by adding the following:

Provided such Lodge has an annual income from dues and all other sources amounting to not less than $100.00, which fact as to the income of such Lodge to be ascertained by the Board of Trustees in such manner as they may determine.

[Bro. Young's amendment was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and is treated of in the twenty-second report of that committee; but this reference seems to have been lost sight of later, when the proviso was acted on directly, before the report of the committee was presented.]

Bro. Mansfield, P.G.M., moved to amend the second paragraph of Article IV, so that it shall read as follows:

A wife who accompanies her husband to the Home shall, after his decease at the Home, leave the Home, unless she, by reason of age or affliction, shall on her own account be entitled to membership therein: in which case the Lodge to which the brother belonged at date of admission shall, during the life of the widow, for her maintenance pay said Home a reasonable fee, at the discretion of the Trustees, not to exceed one and fifty hundredths dollars ($1.50) per week for each member.

[For action on these proposed amendments, see proceedings of Thursday afternoon, immediately after the opening.]

The Tellers presented the following report.

Document No. 29.

Third report, by Bro. Latimer, of No. 184.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee of Tellers would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of Ballot for Grand Warden.

Whole number of votes cast	902
Necessary for choice	452
of which	
Bro. Kewley received	583
Bro. Humphrey received	103
Bro. Merrills received	32
Bro. Lucas received	119
Bro. Wolfe received	27
Bro. Jones received	24
Bro. Pemberton received	3
Bro. Bean received	6
Bro. O'Brien received	4
Bro. Allaben received	1
	902

Respectfully,

F. W. LATIMER, R. CARRIS,
CHRIS. C. CROSS, A. M. JONES,
WM. WATSON, R. J. GIPP,
ISAAC GOLDEN, I. FIREMAN,
H. C. FELTMAN, F. BRADFORD.

Bro. J. R. Kewley, of No 450, having received a majority of the votes cast, the Grand Master declared him duly elected Grand Warden for the ensuing term.

Reports of committees and other papers lying on the table awaiting reading were ordered to be printed in the Daily Journal without reading.

[The papers referred to follow in their order of presentation.]

Offered by Bro. H. Dinkelman, of No. 488, and referred to the Committee on Finance. [See sixteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 30.

WHEREAS, A journal of the Order, published in this state, in a recent issue contained several offers of brothers, who announced their willingness to accept the office of Grand Secretary at a greatly-reduced salary; and

WHEREAS, There are several counties yet to be heard from, and as there might be some brothers so anxious to fill the honorable office of Grand Secretary that they would not only forego any salary whatsoever, but might be willing even to pay a cash bonus besides; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorized to accept bids from all such brothers, and that said committee be instructed to report at the opening of the session this afternoon the name of the brother who is willing to do the work for the least money.

Offered by Rep. Hunt, of No. 299, signed by himself and six others, and referred to the Committee on Finance. [See eighteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 31.

Resolved, That should there be a deficiency in the General Fund to pay expenses of session, that a sum sufficient to make up deficiency be taken from Special Relief Fund and turned into General Fund.

Offered by Bro. Baker and others, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order. [See twenty-third report of that committee.]

Document No. 32.

WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows in this jurisdiction has established, and did, by the formal ceremony of dedication October 25th, 1898, which was performed by the Dedicatory Staff of Decatur Lodge, No. 65, of Decatur, Illinois, set apart for the uses and purposes of Odd Fellowship the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, at Mattoon; and

WHEREAS, This magnificent Home will be a lasting monument to Odd Fellowship; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we congratulate Grand Master Cicero J. Lindly for his wisdom in the selection of this Staff to perform the work, and that we thank them for the proficient rendition of the ceremony of dedicating this beautiful Home; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolution be placed in the hands of Past Grand H. J. Votaw, Secretary of the Dedicatory Staff.

(Signed by)

SAM J. BAKER, P.G.R.
GEO. A. SEELEY, Rep. No. 205.
J. M. MINER, P.G., Rep. No. 358.
A. SUMERLIN, Rep. No. 260.
JOHN A. BUSH, P.G.W.

Offered by Rep. Geo. W. Young, of 392, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order. [See fifteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 33.

WHEREAS, in the report of the Finance Committee of the S. G. Lodge of the estimated receipts and expenses of said S. G. Lodge for 1899, there appear among the items of expenses the following:

Engraving portrait of Past Grand Sire Fred. Carleton.....	$100 00
Painting portrait of Grand Sire Fred. Carleton.....	250 00
Four Assistant Grand Guardians at $30.00 each.....	120 00
For eight (8) Past Grand Sires who were paid mileage and per diem at the session of 1898.....	706 10
One Reading Clerk.....	74 30
Total.....	$1,250 40

Therefore, be it Resolved, that while this Grand Lodge does not desire to interpose any objections to Past Grand Sire Carleton having his portrait engraved and painted in the highest and finest style of the art, yet we insist that the expense of the same should not be paid for with money taken out of the treasury of the S. G. Lodge.

And we insist that, as Past Grand Sires have no constituency and do not represent any body, they should not be paid mileage and per diem for attending the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

That the services of a Reading Clerk could be dispensed with.

And that two Guardians ought to be sufficient to properly guard and protect the Grand Representatives from undue exposure.

Our Representatives to said Sovereign Grand Lodge are hereby instructed, and the Representatives elected by the Grand Encampment of this State are respectfully requested, to work and vote against the allowance of the above-mentioned claims, and if possible that they procure the votes thereon to be taken by the yeas and nays, so that the entire Brotherhood may have the opportunity of knowing how their Representatives voted upon the allowance and payment of said bills.

Offered by Bro. Melville and Rep. Polk, both of No. 693 and referred to the Committee on Legislation. [See eleventh report of that committee.]

Document No. 34.

Be it Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction of Illinois, that hereafter the Representatives, Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen shall receive mileage and per diem as follows, to-wit:

The actual amount paid for transportation over the nearest traveled route, a receipt thereof to be taken from the railroad company for the same, and presented to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem with their certificate of attendance, and $2 per day for each day of actual attendance.

Communication from the Rebekah Assembly, which was referred to the Committee on Rebekah Degree. [No report on this.]

Document No. 35.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

BROTHERS: The following resolution has been unanimously adopted by the Rebekah Assembly:

WHEREAS, There has been a proposition presented to the Grand Lodge to change the representation of this Rebekah Assembly upon the Orphans' and Old Folks' Home Boards, and reduce the number to two sisters on the consolidated boards; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Advisory Boards of the Homes have received every consideration and have had voice in the councils of the Boards; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Assembly request the Grand Lodge not to reduce the number of sisters upon the said Boards, and we do not desire any change made as to our rights and privileges; we are content with them as they are.

LIZZIE L. MORRISON, JENNIE TICKNOR,
HELEN M. BALDWIN, IRENE REEVE,
NELLIE L. HARRIS, CATHERINA HOEFER.
ETTA SPRINGER,

LOLA L. RICKARD, Secretary.

Offered by Reps. F. J. Mueller, of No. 43, and Wm. Poynton, of No. 189, and referred to Committee on Legislation. [See nineteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 36.

Resolved, That Section 11, Article X, of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

Section 11. Every person admitted or reinstated as a non-beneficial member shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and advantages of membership, except benefits, and shall be subject to all penalties and disabilities as other members. And no benefits shall be allowed to any non-beneficial member, nor shall any pecuniary relief be extended to such member from the funds of the Lodge, except upon recommendation of some committee; provided, no non-beneficial member shall be assessed for the purpose of raising a fund for the payment of sick or disability benefits.

Offered by Rep. W. H. Fenton, of No. 515, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order. [See fourteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 37.

WHEREAS, There has been shown a great desire on the part of this Grand Lodge to lessen the expense of the same, and believing all are sincere in the matter, desiring to maintain both the Orphans' Home and the Old Folks' Home in a manner creditable to the Order, and believing that a small step in the right direction would be appreciated by all; be it

Resolved, That One Dollar be deducted from each Grand Officer's, Representative's and Committeeman's per diem, to be set forth and known as the Grand Lodge Yearly Benefit to the Old Folks' and Orphans' Homes,—one-half to each; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem deduct said amount, and turn it over to the Grand Treasurer, for the purpose set forth in the above resolution.

Offered by Rep. Geo. W. Young, of No. 392, and referred to the Committee on Finance. [See fifteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 38.

WHEREAS, Economy, Retrenchment and Reform are the leading thoughts of this Grand Lodge, and under the present financial condition of this Grand Body it is, and should ever be, the imperative duty of every officer and representative to eliminate and curtail every item of expense when such reduction can be reasonably done without manifest injury to the service or subject-matter of such expense; to that end, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I.O.O.F., that we favor the curtailment and reduction of the expenses of this Grand Lodge of the following items of expenses as shown by the Grand Secretary's Report; and that no warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in payment of any such service or expense in the future, as follows:

Mileage and per diem paid the Judiciary and Appeals Committee	$379 55
Stenographer for the Grand Master	480 00
Stenographer for the Grand Secretary	360 00
For printing the Daily Journal and stenographer	200 00
For printing 150 copies of the German Journal of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge	469 20
Translating Journal into the German language	61 20

N. D. Calkins, for extra work as Chairman of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee	$15 00
H. J. Reeziger, services as Grand Lodge stenographer	20 00
H. L. McClaren, services as typewriter during the G. L. sessions	15 00
T. B. Needles, Grand Treasurer, for clerk-hire	100 00
Assistant Grand Secretary, now receiving a salary of $1000, reduce same to $600, leaving a saving to G. L.	400 00
Reduce the salary of the Grand Secretary	200 00
Reduce the salary of the Grand Master	400 00
Reduce the pay of the Finance Committee from $175 to $75, thereby save	100 00
Appoint Representatives, and Representatives only, on the Committees, and thereby save an expense estimated at	500 00
Pictures and lithograph signatures of the Graud Officers in the Journal	15 00
Making a total saving to the G. L. in one year	$3,700 00

N. B.—This Grand Lodge will not object to the Grand Officers' having their pictures printed in the Journal, nor to have a fac-simile of their signatures printed at the end of their Reports; but inasmuch as a name in printing type is as effective as a lithographed signature, we insist that the Officers of this Grand Lodge pay for their picture-cuts and signatures out of their own individual pockets.

Offered by Rep. Fucik, of No. 630, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order. [See thirteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 39.

Resolved, That as many seats as there are Representatives be reserved in front, or near the Grand Master's chair, and that the Past Grands not Representatives be seated at the rear of the seats so reserved for the Representatives, or in the galleries.

Offered by Rep. Hauschild, of No. 756, and referred to Committee on Finance. [See seventeenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 40.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Koerner Lodge, No. 756, I.O.O.F., at its regular meeting held Friday, November 11th, 1898, at 1546 Milwaukee ave., City of Chicago, Illinois, adopted the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Secretary be reduced to $1,500 per year, including office-rent and expenses; be it further

Resolved, That we are in favor of Biennial Sessions; be it further

Resolved, That none but regular representatives of each Lodge have a right to vote; be it further

Resolved, That each representative has one vote for every fifteen members of said Lodge he represents; be it further

Resolved, That it is the opinion of Koerner Lodge that the total expenses of the Grand Lodge should be reduced at least twenty-five per cent.

We hope that the above resolutions may be taken into consideration at the next Grand Meeting. Respectfully submitted.

HERMANN N. PFEIFFER, N.G. A. P. HAUSCHILD, Rep. 756.
HENRY BECKER, Sec. HENRY GRAF, Rep. 477.
A. KONIG, P.G. C. BACHMANN, Rep. 329.

Offered by Henry A. Stone, P.G.M., and referred to the Committee on State of the Order. [See thirty-seventh report of that committee.]

Document No. 41.

WHEREAS, The great Jurisdiction of Illinois, I.O.O.F., has under its fostering care two Homes for the unfortunate—one for the care, protection, education and preparation for life of the orphan children of our deceased brothers and sisters: the other, for those members of our Order whose life-mission is nearing its close, and who are unable to further care for themselves in the struggle incident to human life; and

WHEREAS, The supervision of these two Homes is now under the government and control of two Boards of Trustees and two Advisory Boards of twenty members—ten from this Grand Lodge and ten from the Rebekah Assembly; and

WHEREAS, It would seem to be for the best interests of the Order, and for the two Homes in particular, both in the interest of economy and the better results to be attained, that the two Homes be under one Board of Control; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the commissions of the present Orphans' Home Board of five members, the Orphans' Home Advisory Board of five members, the Old Folks' Home Board of Trustees of five members, and the Old Folks' Home Advisory Board of five members, be and are hereby annulled, and in their stead a new Board of Control be created by this Grand Lodge, for the government and control of both Homes. Said Board to be composed of five members, and to be known as Trustees of the Orphans' and Old Folks' Homes; said Board of Trustees to be composed of five brothers from the Grand Lodge and an Advisory Board of five sisters from the Rebekah Assembly. The brothers to be elected by the Grand Lodge (or be appointed by the Grand Master, at the discretion of this Grand Lodge) one for a term

of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. The sisters to be elected by the Rebekah Assembly and approved by the Grand Lodge, one for a term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year. At the expiration of the respective terms of each brother, the Grand Lodge shall elect (or the Grand Master appoint) a successor, whose term of service shall be five years; and any brother serving a full term of five years shall not be eligible for reappointment. At the expiration of the respective term of each sister, the Rebekah Assembly shall elect a successor, whose term of service shall be five years.

Said Board of Trustees to annually choose their own Chairman, Secretary, and sub-committees from among the said Board of Trustees; and in case of vacancy occurring on said Board during recess of this Grand Lodge, by reason of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, the Grand Master shall, immediately on notice of such vacancy, fill the same by appointment. The person so appointed shall serve only until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, when the vacancy shall be filled by election (or appointment).

Offered by Rep. Henry M. Cohen, of 331, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order,. [See sixteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 42.

WHEREAS, the I.O.O.F. of Illinois are paying in the aggregate a large sum of money as fire-insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, It seems that this money, or a large part of the same, can be saved to the Order by wisely-directed efforts; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint a committee of three, who shall be instructed to prepare recommendations on this subject and report the same to this Grand Lodge.

Offered by Bro. W. R. Humphrey, of No. 240, seconded by Reps. Richard Brunt, of No. 696, and E. Dinkelman, of No. 238; referred to the Committee on State of the Order. [See seventeenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 43.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

WHEREAS, The Order of Odd Fellows in the Jurisdiction of Illinois has established, and expects to maintain in a creditable manner, the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home at Lincoln, and the Old Folks' Home at Mattoon; and

James Henry Harris

Grand Marshal.

WHEREAS, Those magnificent monuments to Odd Fellowship in Illinois may be seriously crippled by an unreasonable majority in the future, or may suffer irreparable loss on account of disaster brought upon the Order by war or pestilence; and

WHEREAS, It is wise to begin now to reduce the per capita tax which is burdening the treasuries of the Lodges of this jurisdiction, by establishing special funds for the two Homes, which will bring in sufficient income to support and maintain both of them in a creditable manner, for all time, regardless of whatever contingencies may arise; therefore, be it

(1) *Resolved*, That a special fund be established, to be known as the "Endowment Fund of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home," and that a special fund be established, to be known as the "Endowment Fund of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home of Illinois."

(2) *Resolved*, That these funds be created by voluntary gifts from the members, from the friends of the Order, from the Lodges, and from other organizations.

(3) *Resolved*, That each member be requested to contribute at least two cents each week for fifty weeks each year for twelve years, and that a complete record be kept in a specially-prepared book for the fund of each Home.

(4) *Resolved*, That all moneys received as provided for in the foregoing resolutions be invested by the Grand Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home, and the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home, in first mortgage Illinois farm loans, or in municipal, township or county bonds, at a rate of interest not less than five (5) per cent. per annum.

(5) *Resolved*, That the income derived from such investments be used to support and maintain the two homes, and under no circumstances shall the principal be used or be reduced for any purpose.

(6) *Resolved*, That the substance of these resolutions be presented to the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Illinois at least twice each year, when blanks are sent out for the semi-annual and annual reports; and that such explanation be made as will induce the membership to thoroughly comprehend the wisdom of the plans, as herein presented, so that there will be a liberal and prompt support from the entire membership.

Offered by Reps. Noble, of No. 265, and Beebe, of No. 77, and referred to the Committee on Finance. [See nineteenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 44.

WHEREAS, In view of the fact that reasonable economy in any government is a wise provision to incorporate, and thus avoid needless expenditure of the people's money, is not only expedient but advisable; and

WHEREAS, We believe that what holds good in civil government will be equally good in the government of societies, and to that end we believe the action of this Grand Lodge in raising the salary of the Grand Master to $1,000 per annum and furnishing him, in addition to this, a stenographer, at a cost to this Grand Body of $480 per annum, is out of all reason, in view of the fact that many former Grand Masters served for actual expenses, even when they did the work that is now done largely by the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals: therefore, be it

Resolved, That the salary of the incoming Grand Master be fixed at $1,000 per annum, and that he pay his own stenographer without other expense to this Grand Lodge, if he has one.

Offered by Rep. Henry M. Cohen, of No 331, seconded by Reps. Braumoeller, No. 221, Hixson, No. 873, Pierce, No. 80, Jardine, No. 140; referred to the Committee on Legislation. [See seventeenth report of that committee.]

Document No. 45.

WHEREAS, The per capita tax paid into the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F. of the State of Illinois has reached the sum of $1.10, and will continue to increase from year to year; and

WHEREAS, The sessions of the Grand Lodge are held annually at a cost to the Order of $20,000: and

WHEREAS, The work of the Grand Lodge can be done without detriment to the Order in Illinois at a saving of $10.000 per annum, thus lessening the per capita tax by holding its sessions biennially; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be, and is hereby, amended as follows:

1. Change Section 1 of Article VII so as to read: "The Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Tuesday in November. This meeting shall be termed the Biennial Session. Special sessions shall be held at the call of the Grand Master. When in biennial session fifty representative members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time until the business of the meeting shall be disposed of. The Biennial Sessions shall be held at the city of Springfield,

except when otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge, convened in Biennial Session. A special session shall be held at the time and place designated by the Grand Master in the call. A quorum of representative members at a special session shall not be required when the conferring of the Grand Lodge Degree is the only business to be transacted."

2d. In Section 2 of Article IV (25th line, Code of 1896) strike out the word "Annual" and insert "Biennial" in its stead.

3d. In Section 6 of Article IV (5th line, Code of 1896) strike out the word "Annual" and insert "Biennial" in its stead,

4th. Change the first paragraph of Section 1 of Article VI so the same shall read as follows: "The Grand Master at each Biennial Session shall, within twenty days after his installation as such, appoint the following committees to serve two years, viz: (1) On Credentials, three members; (2) On State of the Order, five members; (3) On Legislation, five members; (4) On Finance, three members; (5) On Rebekah Degree, three members: (6) On Mileage and Per Diem, ten members; (7) On Railroads, three members; (8) On Printing, five members. In the order of business, reports of these committees shall be called and have precedence in the order in which they are herein named. The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, consisting of five members, shall be constituted as at the time of the adoption of this amendment. At the expiration of the term for which a member of said committee shall have been appointed, the Grand Master shall appoint one member for the full term of five years, and such appointments shall be be made annually on the Thursday following the third Tuesday of November. Whenever a vacancy exists in the membership of said Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, occasioned by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, the Grand Master shall fill such vacancy by appointment, and such appointee shall fill out the unexpired term of his predecessor."

The remainder of said section shall remain unchanged.

5th. Change the first paragraph of Section 5 of Article VI so that the same shall read as follows: "The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals shall hold four sessions annually, to-wit: Three at the office of the Grand Secretary, unless the committee is notified by the Grand Secretary that there is not any business to come before them,—one beginning on the third Tuesday of February, one beginning on the third Tuesday of May, and one beginning on the third Tuesday of August; and the fourth session shall be held at the time and place of holding the Grand Lodge, except in such years as the Grand Lodge shall hold no Biennial Session, when the committee shall meet on the third Tuesday of November, at the office of the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall be the Clerk of said committee, and shall keep an accurate record of all its transactions, and shall have the care, custody and control of all its records, papers, etc."

The remaining paragraphs of said section to remain unchanged.

6th. In Section 8 of Article VI (5th line, Code of 1896) strike out the word "Annual" and insert the word "Biennial" in its stead.

7th. Change Section 2 of Article VII so that the same shall read as follows: "At the Biennial Sessions all the business requiring the attention of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted. At a Special Session no business shall be transacted except that for which the session was called, which business must be distinctly stated in the call. The elective Grand Officers shall be elected in such form and at such times as the Grand Lodge may by law prescribe.

8th. In Section 1 of Article X (3d line, Code of 1896) strike out the words "An Annual Session," and insert "A Biennial Session" in their stead; and in the sixth line of same section, substitute "Biennial" for "Annual."

Resolved, That Section 1 of Article I of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge is hereby amended by substituting "Biennial" for "Annual," in the second line thereof.

Resolved, That wherever the term "Annual Session" occurs in the laws of the Grand Lodge, the words "Biennial Session," shall be substituted therefor, and future revisions of the Code shall be made to conform herewith.

Offered by Rep. Geo. W. Young, of No. 392, and referred to the Committee on State of the Order. [See twenty-second report of that committee.]

Document No. 46.

Amend Article IV, By-Laws of Old Folks' Home, by adding the following:

Provided such Lodge has an annual income, from dues and all other sources, amounting to not less than one hundred dollars ($100), which fact as to the income of such Lodge to be ascertained by the Board of Trustees in such manner as they may determine.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following report. [Adopted Thursday evening.]

Document No. 47.

First report, by Bro. N. D. Calkins, of No. 190.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem would respectfully report as follows:

That we have computed the mileage and per diem of each Grand Officer and Representative of Lodge who were present and entitled to mileage and per diem, and have issued warrants on the Treasurer for the respective amounts due each.

N. D. Calkins, Tom Wood,
Carl Lager, L. W. Fribourg,
H. W. Pemberton, James Eccles.
Edward Craig,

The Committee on Credentials presented the following reports (their seventh, eighth, and ninth). [All adopted Thursday evening.]

Document No. 48.

Seventh report, by Bro. Hall, of No. 46.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named brothers have presented proper credentials as Past Grands, and are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:

James Taylor, No. 302. E. A. Lauterman, No. 735.
Wm. E. Trautman, No. 426. Frank Kendrick, No. 228.
Willis S. Martin, No. 65. J. O. Anderson, No. 193.

W. H. Hall.
Isaac Golden.

Document No. 49.

Eighth report, by Bro. Golden, of No. 822.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report, in regard to the matter of Representatives, that Bro. N. F. Keim has presented proper credentials as Representative from Findlay Lodge, No. 671, and is entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge.

Isaac Golden,
W. H. Hall.

Document No. 50.

Ninth report, by Bro. Hall, of No. 46.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named brothers have presented proper credentials as Past Grands, and are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree:

John S. Randall, of No. 346. John Schanafeldt, of No. 114.

W. H. Hall,
Isaac Golden,
Samuel E. Erickson.

The Committee on Finance presented their first, second, third and fourth reports. [All adopted Thursday evening.]

Document No. 51.

First report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Yonr Committee on Finance would respectfully report—

That we met at the office of the Grand Secretary, in the City of Springfield, on the 5th day of May, 1898.

We made a careful inventory of the stock on hand, checked up the sales of the Grand Secretary's office, and find they agree with the Secretary's books. We find the net profits on sales of supplies amount to $744.00. We have audited all bills of expense, find them correct, with proper vouchers, and approve the same. The receipts of the Grand Secretary's office for the six months ending April 30, 1898, from all sources, amount to $31,931.14. which amount is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, as shown by receipts on file with the Grand Secretary.

We have taken the Inventory of the Stock of the Grand Lodge Supplies on hand May 1, 1898, and find that the same corresponds with the Grand Secretary's Report.

We also made an Inventory of the Furniture and Fixtures in the Grand Secretary's office on May 1, 1898. which also corresponds with the report of the Grand Secretary, and for details the Grand Lodge is referred to said report.

We find all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Grand Secretary to have been properly and carefully attended to, and his methods of business meet our hearty approval.

Fraternally submitted. JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
D. J. HARRISON.

Document No. 52.

Second report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance wonld respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Subordinate Lodge Returns:

Numbers 11, 33, 40, 59, 63, 64, 105, 115, 119, 121, 126, 137, 167, 168, 177, 184, 191, 211, 213, 216, 228, 233, 237, 242, 252, 256, 260, 275, 280, 320, 323, 332, 343, 347, 363, 367, 382, 407, 410, 419, 425, 430, 441, 444, 453, 468, 480, 491, 492, 494, 496, 501, 512, 551, 555, 562, 569, 589, 611, 631, 653, 661,

678, 679, 684, 690, 704, 705, 706, 712, 722, 723, 725, 733, 762, 772, 773, 776, 777, 778, 779, 788, 797, 799, 805, 806, 814, 838, have sent neither Capitation Tax nor Report for term ending March 31, 1898.

Fraternally submitted.

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
D. J. Harrison.

Document No. 53.

Third report, by Bro. Fred B. Merrills, of No. 650.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows:

That we met at the office of the Grand Secretary, in the City of Springfield, Ill., on the 14th day of November, 1898.

We made a careful inventory of the stock on hand, and checked up the sales of the Grand Secretary's office, and find that they accord with the Grand Secretary's books.

We find that the profits on sales for the six months ending October 31, 1898, amount to $452.65.

We have audited all bills of expense, and find them correct, with proper vouchers attached, and approve the same.

The total receipts of the Grand Secretary for the past six months amount to the sum of $35,407.36, which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, as shown by the receipts on file with the Grand Secretary.

We have also made an inventory of the furniture and fixtures in the Grand Secretary's office on Nov. 14, 1898, which also corresponds with the report of the Grand Secretary.

For further details the Grand Lodge is referred to said report.

As usual, we find the office of the Grand Secretary in good shape, and all business pertaining to this office has been attended to in a systematic and careful manner.

Fred B Merrills,
W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn.

Document No. 54.

Fourth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of Subordinate Lodge Returns: Nos. 112, 126, 137, 139, 143, 144, 150, 167, 168, 189, 224, 228, 270, 278, 308, 335, 360, 382, 410, 425, 441, 453, 462, 494, 496, 503, 555, 561, 578, 591, 597, 631, 647, 655, 678, 686, 696, 705, 707, 720, 737, 762, 772, 787, 788, 799, 811, 815, 838, 840, 861, 885, had sent neither capitation tax nor report at close of term, October 31, 1898.

We find that the following Lodges have made their returns and paid their tax since November 1, 1898: 224, 189, 720, 838, 707, 705, 591, 578, 561, 441, 144, 139, 112, 686, 678, 503, 496, 143, 137, 126, 840, 811, 737, 696, 647, 597, 360, 150, 425, 410.

Fraternally submitted.

W. V. Weise,
Jacob Krohn,
Fred B. Merrills.

The same committee presented the following report. [Considered Thursday evening, amended, and adopted as amended.]

Document No. 55.

Fifth report, by Bro. Fred B. Merrills, of No. 650.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to matter of Grand Lodge Journal.

We recommend the printing of 2,500 copies, to be bound in cloth.

Fred B. Merrills,
Jacob Krohn,
W. V. Weise.

The same committee presented their sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth reports. [All adopted Thursday evening.]

Document No. 56.

Sixth report, by Bro. Fred B. Merrills, of No. 650.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Grand Treasurer Needles' accounts.

We find the assets of the Grand Lodge, itemized in separate funds, to be as follows:

Cash in general fund	$16,576 91
Cssh in Old Folks' Home fund	2,534 29
Cash in special relief fund	2,743 60
U. S. 4 per cent. bonds in special relief fund	3,000 00
Special Orphans' Home fund of Rebekah Lodges working in the German language, cash	5 93
do Bonds U. S. 3 per cent., 1898	180 00
do Bonds, 5 per cent., Nevada, Mo., School	500 00
Cash Orphans' Home fund	5,203 65
Cash Defunct Lodge fund	499 57
	$31,243 95

The Grand Treasurer has exhibited a certificate of deposit from the Washington County Bank, Nashville, Ill., for....	$12,563 95
Also a duplicate deposit-slip with the Illinois National Bank, of Springfield, Ill.....	15,000 00
Also U. S. 4 per cent. bonds, 30 @ $100.00.....	3,000 00
Also 1 Nevada, Mo., 5 per cent. School Bond.....	500 00
Also U. S. 3 per cent. 1898 Bonds.....	180 00
	$31,241 95

Your committee further report that they have also examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and find everything correct and to correspond with the Grand Treasurer's Report, and we recommend that all the cancelled vouchers be burned.

We also find that the work of the Grand Treasurer has been done in a business-like manner, his books systematically kept, and that he has given us every assistance possible in making our investigations. He is entitled to the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfuliy submitted.

FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE.

Document No. 57.

Seventh report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of expenses of Railroad Committee:

We find that the bills of

Bro. Alonzo Ellwood for.....	$5 00
Bro. Chas. D. Brainard for.....	8 25
Bro. Frank J. Heinl for.....	16 40

are correct, and recommend that the same be paid.

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS.

Document No. 58.

Eighth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows:

The following bill has been referred to us:

Grand Lodge to Thomas B. Needles, Treasurer—

To clerk-hire for Grand Treasurer.....$100 00

We recommend that the bill be allowed, and a voucher ordered therefor.

Respectfully submitted.

W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN.

Document No. 59.

Ninth report, by Bro. Fred B. Merrills, of No. 650.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the Expense Account of the Printing Committee.

The bill for expense of the Printing Committee (Document No. 17) has been examined by us, and we find the same correct, and recommend that it be allowed, and a voucher drawn therefor.

FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE.

The same committee presented the following. [Considered Thursday morning, amended, and adopted as amended.]

Document No. 60.

Tenth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the resolution to reduce the salary of the Grand Secretary (Document No. 9).

We beg to report that we have examined the said resolution, and have carefully considered the duties of the Grand Secretary, and the nature and amount of work he has to do. After mature consideration, we have arrived at the conclusion that the amount named in the resolution, to wit, $1,800, is not a sufficient compensation for the Grand Secretary and his necessary assistants. We therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

But we are also of opinion that some reduction would be proper. We would therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of $1,600 per annum, the Assistant Secretary the sum of $900 per annum, and the Stenographer the sum of $300 per annum.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS.

The same committee presented their twelfth and thirteenth reports. [Both adopted Thursday evening]

Document No. 61.

Twelfth report, by Bro. Fred B. Merrills, of No 650.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of janitor services:

We recommend that the sum of $40 be paid to Capt. Beck, Chief Janitor, for distribution.

FRED B. MERRILLS.
JACOB KROHN.
W. V. WEISE.
Committee.

Document No. 62.

Thirteenth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of the services of Bro. Mathias Blumle, in attending to the needs of committees of this Grand Lodge. We recommend that he be granted the sum of $10 as compensation therefor.

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS.

The Committee on Legislation presented their first, second, third and fourth reports. [All adopted Thursday evening.]

Document No. 63.

First report, by Bro. George F. Howard, P.G M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation, in regard to the matter of the Representative of Iuka Lodge, No. 694,* beg leave to report that the brother has now a proper Credential, and we ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
HENRY C. FELTMAN,
F. W. LATIMER,
D. R. ANDERSON,
Committee.

*See Doc. 7, page 185.

Document No. 64.

Second report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of mileage and per diem as it affects small Lodges:*

Your committee believes that the interest of weak Lodges demands that they should be represented in this Grand Lodge; and inasmuch as the resolution practically prevents such representation by cutting off the larger part of the mileage and per diem of the representatives of small Lodges, your committee recommends that the resolution be not adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. F. HOWARD,
H. C. FELTMAN,
A. L. FYFE,
D. R. ANDERSON,
F. W. LATIMER,
Committee.

*See Doc. 8, page 185.

Document No. 65.

Third report, by Bro. H. C. Feltman, P.G.R.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of a resolution offered by Fred. P. F. Clark,* of Prosperity Lodge, No. 782, and others, urging that the minimum fee for all Degrees in the Subordinate Lodges in the City of Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, shall not be less than $20.00.

We beg to report that such law would be special legislation, and we do not think it advisable to so legislate. We therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
H. C. FELTMAN,
A. L. FYFE,
D. R. ANDERSON,
F. W. LATIMER,
Committee.

*Doc. 12, page 188.

Document No. 66.

Fourth report, by Bro. F. W. Latimer, of No. 184.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to Document No. 13,* offered by Rep. Henry M. Cohen, of No. 331, and others, in reference to proposed amendment of Section 1 of Article VI, Grand Lodge Constitution:

As this proposed legislation must lie over for one year before being acted upon, therefore your committee ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject-matter.

Respectfully submitted. GEORGE F. HOWARD,
D. R. ANDERSON,
A. L. FYFE,
H. C. FELTMAN,
F. W. LATIMER.

*See page 188.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented their reports numbered one to eleven inclusive. [All adopted Thursday evening without amendment except the tenth, which was amended and adopted.]

Document No. 67.

First report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of New Lodges:

That we find that during the past year the following Subordinate Lodges have been instituted, and upon due investigation, we find that the law was complied with, and all are now in successful working order, and we recommend that charters be issued as follows:

SUBORDINATE LODGES INSTITUTED.

No.	Name.	Location.	County.	Instituted.	Deputy.
110.	Suburban	LaGrange	Cook	Dec. 18, 1897	Willis Melville
272.	Spartan	Compton	Lee	Dec. 30, 1897	D R. McLaughlin
882.	Hamburg	Hamburg	Calhoun	Feb. 19, 1898	John Watson
883.	Detroit	Detroit	Pike	May 31, 1898	John Bauer
884.	Willow Hill	Willow Hill	Jasper	June 25, 1898	B. W. Chapman
885.	Sampson	Dawson	Sangamon	Aug. 6, 1898	Chas R Coon
886.	Hidalgo	Hidalgo	Jasper	Aug. 6, 1898	A D Leaman

Respectfully submitted. A. M. HOUSER,
J. L. BARNUM,
R. K. DEWEY,
J. J. BROWN,
W. F. HOLT.

Document No 68.

Second report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No. 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Lodges Closed, as reported

by the Grand Master, to wit; Etna Lodge, No. 519, Etna; Baldwin Lodge, No. 797, Baldwin; June Rebekah Lodge, No. 284, Marseilles; Electric Rebekah Lodge, No. 334, Normal;

—that, after due examination, we recommend that the action of the Grand Master in closing said Lodges be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey,
J. J. Brown,
Committee.

Document No. 69.

Third report, by Bro. R. K. Dewey, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Consolidated Lodges:

We are pleased to note the recommendation of the Grand Master, commending the business principles and harmony of the Order, in the matter of the consolidation of weak Lodges, and we report the following consolidations:

SUBORDINATE LODGES CONSOLIDATED.

Upon a proper petition, I granted a dispensation for the consolidation of Union Lodge, No. 9, of Chicago, and Freedom Lodge, No. 637, of Chicago, which consolidation was made by Special Deputy Past Grand Master J. L. Barnum, of Chicago, on February 17, 1898. Consolidated under the name and number of Union Lodge, No. 9.

Dispensation was issued April 28 for the consolidation of Toledo Lodge, No. 355, of Toledo, Ill., and Janesvile Lodge, No. 754, of Janesville, Ill. Brother Col. Young, of Toledo, was commissioned Special Deputy to effect the consolidation. Consolidated May 2, 1898, the name of Toledo Lodge, No. 355, being taken.

Dispensation was issued April 28 for the consolidation of Crystal Fount Lodge, No. 178, of Dover, Ill., and Tonnaluka Lodge, No. 89, of Princeton, Ill. Brother S. W. Heaton effected the consolidation. The name and number of Tonnaluka Lodge, No. 89, was taken. Consolidation effected May 4, 1898.

On June 7 dispensation was granted, and Past Grand Master J. L. Barnum, of Chicago, was appointed Special Deputy to effect the consolidation of Union Lodge, No. 9, of Chicago, and Rochambeau Lodge, No. 532, of Chicago, which consolidation was completed by the Special Deputy on June 16, 1898, under the name and number of Union Lodge, No. 9.

Upon proper petition being made by Congress Lodge, No. 362, of Chicago, and Imperial Lodge, No. 335, of Chicago, I granted a dispensation for the consolidation of these Lodges under the name and number of Congress Lodge, No. 362. The consolidation was effected by Past Grand Master J. L. Barnum, of Chicago, on June 27, 1898.

CHANGE OF WORK.

On January 13 I granted a dispensation to Adams Lodge, No. 365, of Quincy, to change the work of the Lodge from the German into the English language.

And we further report the following Rebekah Lodges consolidated:

REBEKAH LODGES CONSOLIDATED.

On August 10 I issued dispensation and commissioned Mrs. Myrtle Norfolk, of Toledo, to effect the consolidation of Zerah Rebekah Lodge, No. 86, of Jewett, with Evergreen Lodge, No. 30, of Toledo, both in Cumberland county. Consolidation effected August 13, 1898.

We therefore recommend that the action granting the foregoing dispensations be approved.

R. K. Dewey,
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
J. J. Brown,
W. F. Holt.

Document No. 70.

Fourth report, by Bro. J. J. Brown, of No. 122.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Weak Lodges:

No more worthy object is presented than the one under this head of the Grand Master's Report,* and your committee hereby approves the recommendation of the Grand Master, and suggests that the amount to be expended to assist weak Lodges be left to the wisdom of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. Brown,
R. K. Dewey,
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt.

*See page 11.

Document No. 71.

Fifth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Losses by Fire:

Having examined that part of the Grand Master's Report concerning the loss by fire of the effects of Illini Lodge, No. 4, Urania Lodge, No. 243, and Jacksonville Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, of Jacksonville, on August 4th, 1898, and of Chromo Lodge, No. 512, and Tower Hill Rebekah Lodge, No. 356, of Tower Hill, and Ambrosia Lodge, No. 778, of Atlas, Ill., beg leave to report that we find the law to have been complied with in each instance, and we therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Master be sustained and approved.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown,
J. L. Barnum.

Document No 72.

Sixth report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No. 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Removal of Lodges as reported by the Grand Master, to wit:

Asbury Lodge, No. 248, removed from Long Prairie to Six Mile, Wayne County.

Rockefeller Lodge, No. 875, removed from Rockefeller, Lake County, to Gray's Lake.

Somonauk Lodge, No. 181, removed from Somonauk, De Kalb County, to Sandwich.

Loogootee Lodge, No. 216, removed from Old Loogootee to New Loogootee, on railroad, Fayette County.

That the action of the Grand Master in granting dispensations for the removal of said Lodges be approved and sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
R. K. Dewey,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 73.

Seventh report, by Bro. R. K. Dewey, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Official Instructors:*

We find that the present Grand Master has followed the action of his predecessors in appointing Grand Representative W. E. Carlin to the superintendency of the Official Instructors, and we note through Bro. Carlin's report the efficiency of the work accomplished by said Instructors, both in the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, and we recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Master, and of the report of Bro. Carlin.

Fraternally submitted.

R. K. Dewey,
J. L. Barnum,
J. J. Brown,
W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser.

*See page 11.

Document No. 74.

Eighth report, by Bro. J. J Brown, of No. 122.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to Roll of Honor:*

The Grand Master in his report shows he has created a "Roll of Honor," meaning members who have been active in securing new members in their Subordinate Lodges, and having such names printed in the Grand Lodge Report. This action of the Grand Master will be the means of increasing the membership of the Order, and will give credit to the workers in the field whose names have not been heretofore mentioned.

We commend the action of the Grand Master in giving honor to whom honor is due, and hereby approve the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. Brown,
R. K. Dewey,
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt.

*See page 12.

Document No. 75.

Ninth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Delinquent Members: Having

examined that part of the Grand Master's Report* concerning his recommendations to the Subordinate Lodges throughout this jurisdiction in regard to members who become in arrears for dues, etc., in their respective Lodges, we are of the opinion that the action of the Grand Master is commendable, and the idea a very wise and judicious one to be followed by the Lodges in this jurisdiction. We would advise the largest degree of leniency toward said brothers consistent with the law, realizing that it is easier to keep members who are already within the Order than it is to secure new ones.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
R. K. Dewey,
J. J. Brown,
W. F. Holt,
Committee.

*See page 13.

Document No. 76.

Tenth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of preamble and resolutions submitted by Bro. Geo. W. Young, Rep. of No. 392,* in reference to instructing our Grand Representatives to vote and work for a reduction of the expenses of our Sovereign Grand Lodge, and which was referred to your Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to submit the following:

That we have carefully examined the record of our Representatives in the recent session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, held in the City of Boston, and find that they, one and all, were instrumental in bringing about many reforms in the direction indicated, amounting to some $10,000, for which they deserve the thanks of this Grand Jurisdiction; and we are of the opinion that there is ample room for much further reform in the same direction, and that the proposed instructions would strengthen and encourage them in the further work in the same direction, to wit: the accomplishment of Biennial Sessions, the cutting down of the enormous mileage to, say, six cents per mile, which would amply cover all of their traveling expenses, and possibly reducing the representation to one member from each of our Grand Jurisdictions in the Sovereign Grand Body.

We would respectfully recommend that they pursue the course so ably commenced in this direction and in the direction above suggested.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
J. J. Brown,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser.

*Doc. 38, page 221.

Document No. 77.

Eleventh report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Rebekah Lodges: that we find the following Rebekah Lodges have been instituted during the past year, and upon due investigation find that the law was complied with in all respects, and all are now in successful working order, and we recommend that charters be issued to them as follows, and the action of the Grand Master approved.

Name.	No.	Location.	County.	Instituted.	Deputy.
Patience	62	Chicago	Cook	Dec. 17, '97	Fannie S. Langdon.
Pride of Egypt	509	Chester	Randolph	Dec. 2, '97	R. W. S. Wheatley.
Milford	510	Milford	Iroquois	Dec. 7, '97	Rena A. Jones.
Pansy	511	Basco	Hancock	Dec. 11, '97	Jennie Lyon.
Kewanee	512	Kewanee	Henry	Jan. 4, '98	Tom Wood.
Hennepin	513	Hennepin	Putnam	Feb. 4, '98	Belle Wood.
Cave	514	Cave in Rock	Hardin	Feb. 22, '98	Olive J Blackman.
Tina	515	Marietta	Fulton	Mar. 15, '98	George Kuhlke.
Wild Rose	516	Anchor	McLean	Mar. 8, '98	Maud Mantle
Cambridge	517	Cambridge	Henry	Mar. 3, '98	Tola White.
Madie	518	Girard	Macoupin	Mar. 8, '98	Madie E Birzele.
Longview	519	Longview	Champaign	Mar 18, '98	Birdie Cole.
Inez	520	Fairfield	Wayne	Mar. 10, '98	Dora A. Kline.
Willing Workers	521	St. Jacob	Madison	Mar. 28, '98	May D. Stone.
Mendon	522	Mendon	Adams	Apr. 16, '98	Mrs. J. W. Fletcher.
Clover Leaf	523	Hunt City	Jasper	Mar. 18, '98	N. G Koons.
Calla	524	Golden	Adams	Mar. 31, '98	Thomas Omer.
Carman	525	Carman	Henderson	Apr. 22, '98	M. P Berry.
Willard	526	Elizabethtown	Hardin	Apr. 20, '98	Olive J. Blackman.
Cannon	527	Columbus	Adams	May 12, '98	Lucy E. Messick.
Jessie	528	Virden	Macoupin	May 4, '98	James R. Miller.
Woodbine	529	Sandwich	DeKalb	Aug. 4, '98	L. Maud Hayward.
Pride	530	Loraine	Adams	Aug. 16, '98	Lucy E Messick.
Manlla	531	Auburn	Sangamon	Aug 22, '98	Eva R. Withey.
Forget-Me-Not	532	Berry	Sangamon	Aug. 27, '98	Eva R. Withey.
Cook County	90	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 14, '98	Nellie L Harris.
Ashmore	533	Ashmore	Coles	Oct. 31, '98	Geo. M Kincaid.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.

[This completes the list of documents printed without reading.]

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, and was closed in regular form.

Thursday Morning, November 17.

9 O'Clock.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Lindly in the chair.

Present--Grand Officers as yesterday, with a quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Marshal and assistants examined the members present, and reported all correct.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Master, by order of the Grand Master, then proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

The special order was postponed by consent.

Rep. Rigg, of No. 348. moved that the salary of the Grand Master be fixed at $500.00.

Bro. W. J. Clucas, of No. 119, moved to amend, – that the question of salary of the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion to amend did not prevail.

Reps. Swangren, of No. 246, and Anderson, of No. 350, moved to amend,– that the salary of the Grand Master be reduced one-third, making the amount $666.66⅔.

Rep. Pearson, of No. 107, moved to amend the amendment,—that the salary of the Grand Master be reduced one-fourth, making the amount $750.00.

Rep. Koehne, of No. 261, moved. as a substitute for the pending motions, that the salary of the Grand Master remain as at present, $1,000.00.

The previous question was called for and ordered.

The motion to substitute did not prevail.

The motion to amend the amendment did not prevail.

The motion to reduce the salary one-third, making the amount $666.66⅔, being under consideration, a division was called for, and the amendment was adopted by a rising vote.

The question then recurred on the motion of Rep. Rigg as now amended, which was adopted.

The tenth report of the Committee on Finance [Doc. 60, page 234] was then taken from the table and considered.

Bro. Golden, of No. 822, moved to adopt the report.

Rep. Keel, of No. 441, moved to amend the report by striking out the words and figures "and the stenographer the sum of $300 per annum."

Bro. Melville, of No. 693, moved as a substitute for so much of the report as fixes salaries, "that the salary of the Grand Secretary be $2,000.00 and no more."

Rep. Swangren, of No. 246, moved to amend the proposed substitute, as follows: "That the amount of salaries for the Grand Secretary's office be reduced one-third from last years' appropriation, making the total of such salaries $2,240.00"; and the motion prevailed.

The proposed substitute as amended was then adopted, and the report as amended was adopted.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

A ballot was had.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. H. T. Pemberton, of No. 24, Grand Marshal pro tem.

Bro. Conway, G.R, moved that the first report of the Committee on Legislation, Session of 1897, p. 338, be now considered, and the motion prevailed.

[The report recommends the adoption of an amendment to Sec. 10, Art VI, G.L. Const., reducing the rate of mileage from six cents to four cents, as cited in the Grand Secretary's Report, page 84.]

Bro. Conway moved to amend the report by striking out the word "three" and substituting therefor the word "two" preceding the words "dollars per diem" at end of section.

Bro. Melville, of No. 693, moved further to amend by inserting after the word "officer," in the third line, the word "committeeman," and after the word "days'" in the fourth line, the word "actual."

The question was taken on the motion of Bro. Melville, and his amendment was adopted.

The question was then taken on the motion of Bro. Conway, and his amendment was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Legislation as amended was then adopted.

The section as amended reads as follows:

Document No. 78.

"Section 10. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall report the number of miles necessarily traveled, by the shortest traveled route, by each Grand Officer, Committeeman and Representative, the number of days' actual attendance of same, and the amount due to each. The committee shall make its estimate by allowing four cents mileage one way, and two dollars per diem."

The Grand Master called Past Grand Master Conway to the chair.

The Tellers presented the following.

Document No. 79.

Fourth report, by Bro. I. Golden, of No. 822.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee of Tellers would respectfully report in regard to Ballot for Grand Secretary, as follows:

Total votes cast	880
Necessary for choice	441
of which	
James R. Miller received	611
C. M. Lytle	123
J. W. Wheatley	119
James Kinney	27
	880

ISAAC GOLDEN, I. FIREMAN,
WM. WATSON, W. H. HALL,
CHRIS. CROSS, F. BRADFORD,
J. H. HARRIS, A. M. JONES,
R. J. GIPP, H. C. FELTMAN,
R. CARRIS, B. A. GRIFFITH.

Bro. James R. Miller, of No. 426, P G.M., having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, the Grand Master declared him duly elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing term.

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

There being but one candidate in nomination, on motion of Bro. Henry Phillips, P.G.M., the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for Bro. Thomas B. Needles, of No. 37, P.G.M ; which having been done, the Grand Master declared Bro. Thomas B. Needles duly elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Bro. Geo. C. Rankin, P.G.M., declined the nomination.

A ballot was had.

Bro. Melville, of No. 693, moved that instruction in the Unwritten Work of the Order now be given by the Grand Representatives.

The motion did not prevail.

The sixteenth report of the Committee on Legislation, session of 1897 (page 375, Jour. 1897), recommending adoption of amendment to Section 5 of Article VIII of Constitution of Grand Lodge, cited on page 84 of this Journal as Document 141, was considered.

Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, moved its adoption.

Pending which, by consent.—

Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Document No. 80.

Resolved, That Journals of this Grand Lodge be bound annually in paper cover, commencing with this session, for general distribution, and that the Printing Committee, have two hundred copies annually bound in cloth, and sold to members of this Grand Body at twenty-five cents each.

On motion of Bro. Latimer, further consideration of the proposed amendment to the Constitution now under discussion was postponed until after the noon recess

The Tellers presented the following.

Document No. 81.

Fifth report, by Bro. Golden, of No. 822.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee of Tellers would respectfully report as follows, in regard to first Ballot for Grand Representative:

Total number of votes cast	727
Necessary to a choice	364
of which	
C. J. Lindly received	305
J. Otis Humphrey received	305
Henry A. Stone received	111
Scattering	6
	727

ISAAC GOLDEN,	F. W. LATMER,
WM. WATSON,	H. C. FELTMAN,
CHRIS. CROSS,	W. H. HALL,
J. H. HARRIS,	A. M. JONES,
R. J. GIPP,	I. FIREMAN,
R. CARRIS,	F. BRADFORD.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until two o'clock.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Thursday Afternoon, November 17.

2:00 O'CLOCK.

Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Lindly in the chair.

All Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

The Grand Marshal and assistants, having examined the members present, reported all correct.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Grand Lodge was then declared regularly opened for the transaction of business.

The Grand Master called Past Grand Master Conway to the chair.

The special order—Election of Officers—was resumed.

A second ballot for Grand Representative was ordered.

Bro. Stone, P.G.M, having received the lowest number of votes in the preceding ballot, his name was dropped from the list of candidates.

On motion of Bro. Clucas, of No. 119, Rep. W. A. Ridge, of No. 243, was excused from further attendance, on account of death in his family.

Grand Master Lindly resumed the chair.

Consideration of the Report of the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home was resumed.

Rep. A. J. Morris, of No. 337, moved that Article I of the proposed By-Laws, approved Wednesday night (see page 213), be reconsidered; and the motion prevailed.

Rep. Morris then further moved that the following be substituted for the article proposed by the Trustees; and the motion prevailed.

Document No. 82.

"ARTICLE I. This Home is not founded as a hospital for the care of persons temporarily disabled by sickness or accident. It is established for the care and maintenance of members of the Order who are in good standing therein, and who are unable to earn a livelihood by reason of the infirmities of age or chronic afflictions, and the wives of such persons, and are in indigent circumstances, without other means of support, and for members of Rebekah Lodges who are in like circumstances, and also for widows of Odd Fellows whose husbands died in good standing; and all such persons, upon being admitted to the Home, will be cared for while they are members thereof, and will be required to relinquish all claims upon their respective Lodges for sick and attentive benefits, as a condition of their admission to and support while in the Home."

Article IV was then taken up, the pending question being upon the proposed amendment of Bro. Mansfield to first paragraph of said article. [See page 215.]

Upon a vote being taken, the amendment was adopted.

A vote was then taken upon the motion of Rep. Young to add a proviso (page 216) to the paragraph; and the proviso was rejected.

The Tellers presented the following.

Document No. 83.

Sixth report. by Bro. Isaac Golden, of No. 822.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee of Tellers would respectfully report as follows, on second Ballot for Grand Representative:

Total number of votes cast	947
Necessary for a choice	474
of which	
Lindly received	644
Humphrey received	303
Total	947

ISAAC GOLDEN, F. BRADFORD.
JAMES H. HARRIS, H. C. FELTMAN,
R. CARRIS, A. M. JONES,
WILLIAM WATSON, W. H. HALL,
B. A. GRIFFITH, R. J. GIPP,
I. FIREMAN,

Bro. Cicero J. Lindly, Grand Master, having received a majority of the votes cast, Deputy Grand Master Berry declared him duly elected Grand Representative for the ensuing term of two years.

Consideration of the proposed By-Laws for the Old Folks' Home was then resumed.

A vote was taken on the motion of Bro. Mansfield to amend the second paragraph of Article IV of said By-Laws; and the amendment was adopted. [See page 216.]

The third paragraph of Article IV (see page 198) was amended by striking out in the third line of said paragraph the words "supplied with a new suit of clothes and" and inserting in their stead the words "properly clothed, and supplied with"; and so amended the paragraph was approved.

The fourth paragraph of same article was approved without amendment.

Article V was considered, and was approved without amendment.

Article VI being under consideration, the word "servants" in fourth line of first paragraph was stricken out, and the word "employes" inserted in its stead.

The second paragraph was passed without change.

The third paragraph was amended by striking out in the first line the word "shall" and inserting in its stead the word "may." When so amended, the article was approved.

Article VII was considered. A motion to strike out the word "elsewhere" at the end of the article did not prevail, and it was approved without change.

The question was then taken upon the motion to adopt as a whole the proposed "Rules and Regulations" and the "By-Laws" recommended by the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home, as now amended, and was decided in the affirmative.

Document No. 84.

Rules and Regulations for the Management of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home, at Mattoon, Illinois.

Adopted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois November 17, 1898.

I. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at the Home in Mattoon, at such times as shall be designated by the Board; special meetings may be called by the chairman, or on the written request of three of the members of the Board; notice of any meeting shall be given, in writing, by mail, by the Secretary, to each member of the Board.

II. The meetings held in the months of April and October, in each year, shall be known as the semi-annual and annual meetings respectively, at which meetings all of the Advisory Board members of the Old Folks' Home shall be notified to be present.

III. A majority of the Board being present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

IV. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be a Chairman and a Secretary, and such other officers as the Board, from time to time, may determine to be necessary. The officers shall be elected annually, by majority vote or ballot, at the meeting which shall be held in the month of December, to serve one year, and until the election of their successors.

V. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, and be the Executive Officer thereof, and perform such duties as usually pertain to such office, and sign all requisitions drawn on the Grand Treasurer, and shall forward said requisitions to the Grand Secretary, who shall present the same to the Grand Master for his approval: and when so approved, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary shall draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the amounts of said requisitions, and have prepared the annual report to the Grand Lodge. In the absence of the Chairman, or in case of his inability to act, the Chairman pro tem. shall perform the duties which appertain to the office of the Chairman.

VI. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, and an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. and all property belonging to the Home, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Board of Trustees, or by the Grand Lodge, pertaining to the business of the Home.

VII. The Board of Trustees shall have power to appoint a Superintendent and a Matron, at their discretion, who must reside on the premises, and have immediate charge of the Home and its members, under the direction of the Trustees, subject to the rules and regulations which shall, from time to time, be prescribed by the Trustees.

For the faithful and satisfactory performance of their duties, the Superintendent and Matron shall receive such compensation as the Trustees shall, from time to time, determine, and each shall give bond as the Trustees may require.

By-Laws for the Government of the Odd-Fellows' Old Folks' Home.

Adopted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois November 17, 1898.

ARTICLE I. This Home is not founded as a hospital for the care of persons temporarily disabled by sickness or accident. It is established for the care and maintenance of members of the Order who are in good standing therein, and who are unable to earn a livelihood by reason of the infirmities of age or chronic afflictions, and the wives of such persons, and are in indigent circumstances, without other means of support, and for members of Rebekah Lodges who are in like cirumstances, and also for widows of Odd-Fellows whose husbands died in good standing; and all such persons, upon being admitted to the Home, will be cared for while they are members thereof, and will be required to relinquish all claims upon their respective Lodges for sick and attentive benefits, as a condition of their admission to and support while in the Home.

ARTICLE II. Members of the Order to be entitled to the benefits of the Home shall have been in continuous good standing in the Order for the period of ten years next previous to admission, and for at least five years thereof in this Grand Jurisdiction.

A widow who is otherwise qualified by age or affliction, whose husband was for ten consecutive years prior to and up to the time of his death in good standing in the Order, and for at least five years thereof in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be entitled to the benefits of this Home.

Members of the Home who shall become able to support themselves, or cease to be indigent, shall be discharged from the Home, or shall pay such an amount for their maintenance as the Trustees shall require.

All applications shall be sent to the Secretary of the Board, and must be submitted to and passed upon by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III. In case of the death of a member of the Home, the burial of such member shall be in the control of the Board of Trustees, unless the Lodge in which the member held membership, or the relatives and friends, desire to take charge of the remains; then such Lodge, relatives or friends, shall become responsible for all expenses and shall bury the member; but if the Trustees take charge of the remains, the expense of the funeral, if a brother, shall be paid by the Lodge of which the brother was a member when admitted to

the Home, out of the funeral expenses prescribed by the laws of the Order, which must be paid to the Trustees of said Home to reimburse the Grand Lodge for its outlay.

The above rule shall apply to Rebekah members and widows, so far as practicable.

ARTICLE IV. *Terms of Admission.*—The Lodge in which the applicant for admission holds membership, or in which the deceased brother held membership whose widow applies for admission, shall pay all the expenses in transit to the Home of the approved applicant, and of his wife if she accompanies him, and shall pay to the Trustees of the Home, a reasonable fee, at the discretion of the Trustees, not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per week for each member.

A wife who accompanies her husband to the Home shall, after his decease at the Home, leave the Home, unless she, by reason of age or affliction, shall on her own account be entitled to membership therein; in which case the Lodge to which the brother belonged at date of admission shall, during the life of the widow, for her maintenance pay said Home a reasonable fee, at the discretion of the Trustees, not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50) per week for each member.

Any Lodge recommending admission of any person to this Home shall, on the approval of application, see that the person is cleanly, and properly clothed, and is supplied with one change of clothing; otherwise the Trustees shall procure the same at the expense of the Lodge.

All Lodges whose members are admitted to the Home shall keep such members in good standing in said Lodge by payment of dues while members of said Home.

ARTICLE V. The Trustees may accept donations of cash or property, or bequests, to be used for furnishing or maintaining the Home, or to be set to the credit of the endowment fund, as the donor or testator shall direct. If property is bequeathed or donated, the Trustees shall manage the same for the best interests of the Home until it can be converted into cash. The Trustees shall also prescribe conditions upon which non-indigent aged members of the Order, in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction, may be admitted to the Home and its care for any period, or for life; and all such transactions shall be reported to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI. Upon the opening of the Home, and at any time thereafter, as experience shall demonstrate the necessity therefor, the Board of Trustees shall prescribe and establish such rules of discipline for the government of the officers, employes and members of the Home as, in the judgment of the Board, may be required.

All members of the Home shall be amenable to the Trustees of the Home for their conduct as members of the Order.

Any insubordinate member of the Home may be dismissed therefrom, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VII. *Intoxicating Liquors.*—No wines or intoxicating liquors of any kind shall ever be kept at or furnished to the Home, or in or upon any of the buildings or grounds belonging thereto, to be used as a beverage, and none shall be permitted to be so used thereat or thereon. A violation of this rule by member or employe shall be sufficient ground of dismissal from the Home; nor shall any person be permitted to remain at the Home in any capacity who is in the habit of becoming intoxicated elsewhere.

On motion of Bro. Mansfield, P.G.M., a vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. James Henry Harris. for assistance as consulting engineer to the Board of Trustees for the Old Folks' Home.

Past Grand Master Mansfield offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. [See 25th report of that committee.]

Document No. 86.

Be it Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the completion of present contracts on the Old Folks' Home and for further preparation, furnishing and maintenance of the Home for the ensuing year.

Bro. J. W. Yantis, of No. 117, offered the following, which lies over one year for consideration.

Document No. 87.

Resolved, That Section 10, Article VI, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, be amended by striking out the word "four" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "five," so that the section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 10. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall report the number of miles necessarily traveled, by the shortest traveled route, by each Grand Officer, Committeeman, and Representative, the number of days' attendance of same, and the amount due to each. The committee shall make its estimate by allowing five cents mileage one way and two dollars per diem."

Past Grand Master Rankin was called to the chair.

Consideration was resumed of the amendment to Section 5, Article VIII, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, recom-

mended for adoption in the sixteenth report of the Committee on Legislation, Session of 1897. [See page 84 of this Journal]

Bro. J. A. Ellis, of No. 868, moved to amend the proposed section by substituting "twenty (20) cents" for ten (10) cents," and "thirty (30) cents" for "forty (40) cents," in the proviso.

Rep. O'Brien, of No. 230, moved to amend the amendment by striking out "twenty (20)" and inserting in its stead "fifteen (15)" and by striking out "forty (40)" and inserting in lieu thereof "thirty-five (35)."

Discussion ensued, during which the chair was occupied successively by Grand Master Lindly, Deputy Grand Master Berry, and again by Grand Master Lindly..

At the close of the discussion,—

Bro. F. B. Merrills, of No. 650, moved the following as a substitute for the pending propositions.

Document No. 88.

"SECTION 1. Every Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge such capitation tax as may from year to year, or by the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be determined upon. *Provided, however,* that there shall never be appropriated from such capitation tax for any one fiscal year a sum to exceed sixty (60) cents per capita tax for the Odd-Fellows' Orphans' Home and the Odd-Fellows' Old Folks' Home, for maintenance and all expenses of such homes."

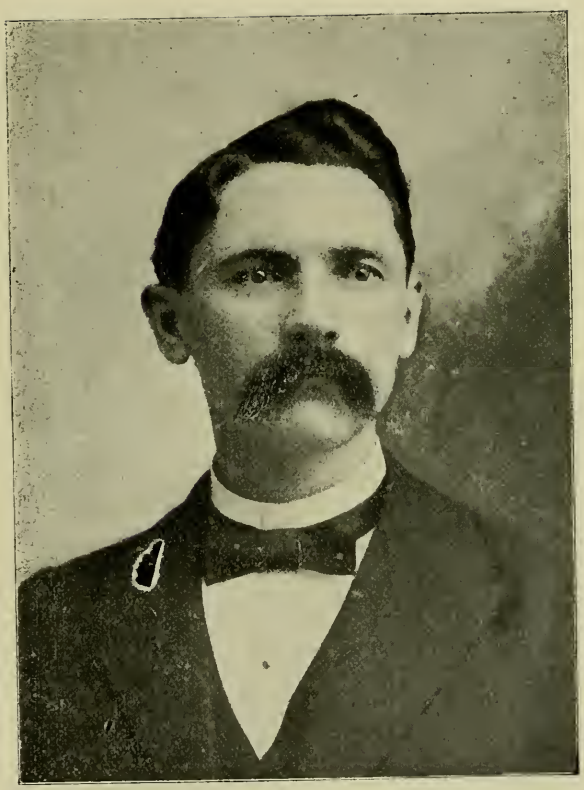
The motion to substitute prevailed.

The substitute amendment was adopted.

The section thus amended was then adopted, on division, by a rising vote, two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative.

Document 173, page 377, Journal of 1897, as cited on page 85 of this Journal, was then considered.

Rep. Hirshfield, of No. 11, moved that the proposed amendments be adopted.



J. E. Taylor

Grand Conductor.

Rep. Cohen, of No. 331, moved to amend by substituting for the pending amendment to Section 1 of Article VI the amended section proposed in Document No. 13, page 188, of this Journal.

The proposed amendment having been discussed at some length,—

Rep. Cohen moved to amend the clause relating to Committee on Finance by striking out "fifteen" and inserting "three" in lieu thereof, and by striking out "twelve" and inserting "two" in its stead.

The motion prevailed, and the clause was so amended.

A motion prevailed to strike out from the introductory paragraph the words "during the month of May next preceding the regular session of the Grand Lodge."

The proposed amendment as now amended was as follows.

Document No. 89.

"Section 1. The Grand Master shall appoint the following committees to serve one year, or until the appointment of their successors, namely: (1) On Credentials, three Representatives; (2) On State of the Order, fifteen members, of whom at least twelve shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment; (3) On Legislation, fifteen members, of whom at least twelve shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment; (4) On Finance, three members, of whom at least two shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment; (5) On Rebekah Degree, ten members, of whom at least eight shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment; (6) On Mileage and Per Diem, fifteen members, of whom a majority shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment (said committee may appoint a clerk, who shall receive the compensation to which a Representative is entitled); (7) On Railroads, three member; (8) On Printing, three members, of whom at least two shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment. Vacancies shall be so filled as not to diminish the number of Representatives on a committee."

The question was taken on the motion to substitute the above for the amendment proposed at the session of 1897, as cited on page 85 of this Journal, and was decided in the affirmative by the votes of two-thirds of the members present, on division, by a rising vote.

The perfected amendment was then adopted, on division, by a rising vote, two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to reconsider the vote adopting the foregoing amendment to the Constitution did not prevail.

Rep. Young, of No. 392, moved that instruction in the Unwritten Work at this session be dispensed with; and the motion prevailed, on division.

The following resolution was offered, and was referred to the Committee on Finance. [See twenty-second report of that committee.]

Document No. 90.

WHEREAS, It has become manifest to the members of this Grand Lodge that economy must be had in all its expenditures; and

WHEREAS, The Matron of the Orphans' Home now receives a salary of $1,000.00 per year and board; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Orphans' Home be, and are hereby, instructed to reduce the salary of the said Matron of the Orphans' Home to a sum not to exceed $666.66 per year.

(Signed) THOMAS J. GREGORY, Lake View Lodge, No. 10.
T. R. COOK, America, No. 107.
M. F. SHANNON, Lake View, No. 10.
H. GRUBBS, John Wilson Lodge, No. 760.

The following communication was received from the Rebekah Assembly, and was referred to the Committee on Rebekah Degree. [See second report of that committee.]

Document No. 91.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

BROTHERS: A resolution limiting the age of children to 1½ years being admitted during the sessions of Rebekah Lodges and Rebekah Assembly. We respectfully ask permission to add to the By-Laws of the Rebekah Lodges and the Rebekah Assembly a by-law limiting the age as above described.

Fraternally submitted. LOLA L. RICKARD,
Secretary.

Also the following, similarly referred. [See first report of Committee on Rebekah Degree.]

Document No. 92.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

The following amendments to the Constitution have been adopted, and await your approval.

Amend Article VII, Section 3, to read:

"The President, Vice-President, Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Mileage and Per Diem Committee. shall receive 5 cents per mile one way and $3 per diem for four days. The President shall receive $150 per year and expenses, and the Secretary shall receive $350 per year and expenses for their services; the maximum amount of expenses to be fixed by the Assembly in advance each year."

Fraternally submitted.

LOLA L. RICKARD,
Secretary.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 7:30 o'clock this evening, and was closed in due form.

Thursday Evening, November 17.

7:30 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, Grand Master Lindly in the chair.

All Officers and a quorum of Representatives were present.

The Grand Marshal, with assistants, having made his examination, reported all correct, the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the Grand Lodge was declared opened for the transaction of business.

Rep. August Blettner, of No. 531, offered the following, which was adopted.

Document No. 93.

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master send a communication to each of the German Lodges in Illinois requesting them to vote whether the Journal shall be printed in the German language; and if a majority of the German Lodges in this jurisdiction vote for the printing of the Journal in the German language, the Grand Master shall report the vote to the meeting of the Grand Lodge at its session in 1899.

The following communication from the Rebekah Assembly was received, and the resolution therein contained was adopted.

Document No. 94.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

The following resolution explains itself, and we respectfully petition you to comply with its request:

Resolved, That all Rebekah Lodges instituted be at once reported to the President of the Assembly; and that we petition the Grand Lodge to issue Report Blanks to Instituting Officers, the same as those now issued, to send to the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Secretary of the Assembly.

Fraternally submitted.

LOLA L. RICKARD, Secretary.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

Document No. 95.

Ninth report, by Bro. Erickson, of No. 479.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Representative:

That Bro. Adolph Falz has presented proper credentials as such from Lodge No. 181.

SAMUEL E. ERICKSON,
W. H. HALL.

The Grand Master called Deputy Grand Master Berry to the chair.

Unfinished Business lying upon the table was taken up.

On motion of Bro. Nason, P.G.Sec., the reading of all documents in the hands of the members in printed form was dispensed with, unless specially called for.

The first (and only) report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem (Doc. 47, page 228) was considered and adopted.

The seventh report of the Committee on Credentials (Doc. 48, page 229) was considered and adopted.

The eighth report of same committee (Doc. 49, page 229) was considered and adopted.

The ninth report of same committee (Doc. 50, page 229) was considered and adopted.

The first report of the Committee on Finance (Doc. 51, page 230) was considered and adopted.

The second report of same committee (Doc. 52, page 230) was considered and adopted.

Grand Master Lindly resumed the chair.

The vote to dispense with instruction in the Unwritten Work was reconsidered, and the Grand Representatives, Bros. J. O. Humphrey and E. S. Conway, were requested to give the instruction, which they proceeded to do.

Rep. Hirshfield, of No. 11, moved to reconsider the action (page 258) by which Document No. 89 was adopted as an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. The motion did not prevail.

Consideration of Unfinished Business was resumed.

The third report of the Committee on Finance (Doc. 53, page 231) was considered and adopted.

The fourth report of same committee (Doc. 54, page 231) was considered and adopted.

The fifth report of same committee (Doc. 55, page 232) was considered.

On motion of Bro. Needles, G.Treas., the words "to be bound in cloth," at end of the report, were stricken out, and the report thus amended was adopted.

The sixth report of same committee (Doc. 56, page 232) was considered and adopted.

The seventh report of same committee (Doc. 57, page 233) was considered and adopted.

The eighth report of same committee (Doc. 58, page 233) was considered and adopted.

The ninth report of same committee (Doc. 59, page 234) was considered and adopted.

The twelfth report of same committee (Doc. 61, page 235) was considered and adopted.

The thirteenth report of same committee (Doc. 62, page 235) was considered and adopted.

The first report of the Committee on Legislation (Doc. 63, page 235) was considered and adopted.

The second report of same committee (Doc. 64, page 236) was considered and adopted.

The third report of same committee (Doc. 65, page 236) was considered and adopted.

Rep. Hirshfield, of No. 11, moved to reconsider the vote adopting the third report of the Committee on Legistion. The motion did not prevail.

The fourth report of same committee (Doc. 66, page 236) was considered and adopted.

The first report of Committee on State of the Order (Doc. 67, page 237) was considered and adopted.

The second report of same committee (Doc. 68, page 237) was considered and adopted.

The third report of same committee (Doc. 69, page 238) was considered and adopted.

The fourth report of same committee (Doc. 70, page 239) was considered and adopted.

The fifth report of same committee (Doc. 71, page 240) was considered and adopted.

The sixth report of same committee (Doc. 72, page 240) was considered and adopted.

The seventh report of same committee (Doc. 73, page 241) was considered and adopted.

The eighth report of same committee (Doc. 74, page 241) was considered and adopted.

The ninth report of same committee (Doc. 75, page 241) was considered and adopted.

The tenth report of same committee (Doc. 76, page 242) was considered.

Bro. Humphrey, P.G.R., moved to amend the report by striking out the word "say" before "six cents per mile," and by striking out the word "possibly" and all that follows, substituting therefor the words "by equalizing the representation in that body."

The amendment and the amended report were then adopted.

The eleventh report of same committee (Doc. 77, page 243) was considered and adopted.

The following communication to the Grand Master was presented, and the request therein contained was granted.

Document No. 96.

FULTON, ILL., NOV. 14, 1898.

CICERO J. LINDLY, Grand Master, Greenville, Ill.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In December, 1897, this Lodge obtained from you permission to solicit aid among the Lodges of this state for the family of one Simon Wolters, deceased, particularly for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the mortgage on their home, then about due. In accordance with your permission, a circular letter was issued soliciting the sum of 35 cents from each Lodge in the state. The Lodges responded nobly, and the attached itemized statement of receipts will indicate the spirit which animated the Order throughout the state. No only were we able to raise the mortgage, but there is a neat balance left. Every cent of this money has been carefully guarded, and expended for no other purpose than for the release of the mortgage and the care of the property. This woman has made a valiant struggle, and, thanks to the generosity of the Order, will never be without a home. We are obliged, however, to continue to assist her, and I therefore hope that you can see your way clear to recommend to the Grand Lodge that this balance shall stand as a special fund for the relief of this family whenever absolutely necessary; this Lodge to give to you such bonds, or pledges of security, as you may require.

On behalf of this family, as well as this Lodge, I desire to extend to the Fraternity throughout the state our most cordial and sincere thanks, for the generosity displayed and the assistance thus rendered. Our Lodge is struggling against adverse circumstances, but so long as we are able to hold our meetings we will respond in like spirit to the appeals of our sister Lodges, should any be made.

This report has been delayed by the absence of several members of the committee, hence the inability of the Secretary to have the accounts carefully checked by them. The work has at last been done, and is herewith presented for your consideration, and for such further instructions as the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may see fit to give.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

MARTIN H. MCGRATH,

[SEAL OF LODGE.] Secretary.

Lodge.	Amount.	Lodge.	Amount.	Lodge.	Amount.
Western Star, 1	$ 35	Marion, 13	$1 00	Berry, 26	$ 50
Germania, 2	1 50	St. Charles, 14	1 00	Waterloo, 27	35
Clark, 3	1 00	Olive Branch, 15	1 00	Big Thunder, 28	50
Illini, 4	2 00	Galena, 17	50	Winnebago, 31	1 00
Wildey, 5	35	Rock Island, 18	1 00	Fairfield, 32	1 00
Sangamon, 6	1 50	Columbia, 21	2 00	Hardin, 33	50
Jefferson, 7	35	Excelsior, 22	1 00	Mokena, 34	1 00
Adelphi, 8	1 00	Des Plaines, 23	2 00	Wabash, 35	1 00
Union, 9	50	Friendship, 24	1 00	Marquette, 36	35
Quincy, 12	1 60	Neilson, 25	50	Nashville, 37	75

Lodge.	Amount.
Erie, 38	$ 35
Dixon, 39	1 00
Montgomery, 40	80
Ottawa, 41	1 00
Madison, 43	1 35
Kane, 47	1 00
Covenant, 48	35
Carroll, 50	1 00
Fulton, 51	1 00
Sparta, 52	35
Jerseyville, 53	50
Empire, 54	1 00
Chicago, 55	1 00
Chester, 57	35
Robert Blum, 58	1 00
Stephenson, 61	4 50
Georgetown, 62	35
Marshall, 63	35
Decatur, 65	2 00
Magnolia, 66	1 00
Safford, 67	1 00
Saxon, 68	50
Danville, 69	1 00
Pioneer, 70	1 00
Irene, 72	35
Pike, 73	50
Iroquois, 74	50
Star, 75	1 00
Principle, 76	1 25
Remembrance, 77	2 00
Vermont, 79	1 00
Harvey, 80	1 00
Columbus, 84	1 00
Dallas, 85	1 00
Chosen Friends, 86	35
Six Mile, 87	1 00
Lacon, 88	50
Kickapoo, 90	70
Edgar, 91	1 00
Arcadia, 92	1 00
Waverly, 93	1 00
Oregon, 94	1 00
Pittsfield, 95	1 00
Stark, 96	50
Perry, 97	35
Olive, 98	1 00
Arcanus, 102	1 00
Prairie State, 104	1 00
Sycamore, 105	1 00
Hutsonville, 106	70
America, 107	1 86
Metropolitan, 108	1 00
Fort Clark, 109	1 00
Middle Fork, 111	1 00
Atalanta, 116	1 00
Okaw, 117	1 50
Hennepin, 118	1 00
St. Clair, 119	1 00
Fairview, 120	1 00
Franklin, 121	1 00
Friends, 122	1 00
Salem, 123	1 00
Crawford, 124	1 05
Pearl, 125	50
Mt. Pleasant, 126	1 22
Kewanee, 128	2 00
Amity, 132	35
Moline, 133	35
Martinsville, 134	80
New Philadelphia, 138	70
Urbana, 139	1 00
Social, 140	1 25
Galesburg, 142	1 00
Mason, 143	1 45
Shawbenee, 146	35
Snachwine, 147	1 00
Redmon, 150	$1 00
Sylvan, 154	1 00
DeKalb, 155	60
Henderson, 156	35
Moultrie, 157	50
Beaucoup, 159	1 00
Warren, 160	50
Newton, 161	1 00
Newark, 162	50
New Endeavor, 163	50
Savanna, 164	75
Teutonia, 166	1 00
Geneseo, 172	1 00
Sterling, 174	2 00
Marengo, 175	1 20
Logan, 176	1 00
Pocahontas, 177	94
Queen City, 179	2 35
Somonauk, 181	1 00
Eshcol, 182	35
Abingdon, 184	1 00
New Home, 185	50
Celestial, 186	50
New Boston, 188	1 00
Irving Park, 190	35
Girard, 192	40
Greenfield, 194	1 00
Calumet, 196	35
Polo, 197	1 00
Colfax, 198	1 00
Cambridge, 199	1 00
Schiller, 200	1 00
Juniata, 201	1 00
Fraternity, 203	35
Lincoln, 204	1 00
McLean, 206	1 00
Sandwich, 212	1 00
Orphan's Hope, 213	1 10
Fort Dearborn, 214	2 50
Cicero, 217	1 00
Howard, 218	40
Wilhelm Tell, 219	1 00
Travelers' Rest, 220	35
Temple, 222	50
Avon, 223	1 00
Alexander, 224	1 00
Benevolent, 227	70
Oneida, 228	50
Illinois City, 229	35
Hickory Grove, 230	1 00
Praha, 231	1 00
Hope, 232	1 00
West Jersey, 234	50
Monitor, 235	2 00
Aledo, 236	1 00
Cook County, 240	1 00
Southern, 241	1 00
Urania, 243	65
Wyoming, 244	1 00
North Fork, 245	1 30
Maywood, 246	35
Eleroy, 247	35
Asbury, 248	35
Mound City, 250	1 00
Belknap, 251	1 00
Homer, 252	50
Prairie View, 254	
Forest, 255	1 60
Grove, 257	5 00
Ridgely, 259	50
Coles County, 260	50
Atlas, 261	1 00
Pontiac, 262	1 00
New Hope, 263	80
Iris, 267	1 05
Rochester, 268	50
La Clyde, 270	$1 00
Spartan, 272	
Bible Grove, 273	1 00
Shelby, 274	50
Milmine, 276	50
Milton, 277	1 00
Ora, 280	1 00
Wicker Park, 281	1 00
Bridgeport, 282	1 00
Charity, 284	65
Liberty, 287	1 00
Jackson Park, 288	35
Arcola, 289	35
Livingston, 290	1 00
Golconda, 292	1 25
Mendota, 293	1 00
Western, 295	1 00
Cabery, 296	1 00
Brocton, 297	1 00
Tonica, 298	1 00
Cosmopolitan, 299	50
Will, 301	50
Ashley, 302	50
Concordia, 303	1 65
Coal Valley, 304	50
Uhland, 305	1 00
Green Valley, 308	1 00
Browning, 309	1 00
Olio, 311	1 00
Clayton, 312	35
Enfield, 313	1 00
Maroa, 314	45
Macedonia, 315	1 00
Tuscola, 316	1 00
Butler, 317	1 00
Niantic, 318	2 00
Bushnell, 322	1 00
Lessing, 326	1 00
Blue Island, 327	1 00
Central Park, 328	1 00
Nonpareil, 331	35
Champaign, 333	1 00
Adar, 334	35
Belleville, 338	50
Bell Air, 339	50
Oak, 341	1 00
Dongola, 343	1 60
Cerro Gordo, 346	35
Carlinville, 350	1 00
Hoffnung, 353	1 00
Rosedale, 354	35
Toledo, 355	50
Lynnville, 356	1 00
Gem City, 357	1 00
Elliott, 359	1 00
Cary, 360	1 00
John Ericsson, 361	1 00
Congress, 362	1 00
Williamsville, 363	1 00
Mizpah, 364	35
Adams, 365	1 00
Athensville, 368	35
Enterprise, 369	50
Yates City, 370	1 00
Bardolph, 371	50
J. R. Scroggs, 372	1 00
Davis, 376	1 00
Minonk, 377	1 00
Spring Valley, 378	35
Good Will, 379	50
Clover, 383	1 00
Clay City, 384	50
Arrow, 386	50
Chenoa, 387	85
Ozark, 393	35
Rome, 394	70

Lodge.	Amount.
Sato, 533	$ 5
Fountain, 396	1 00
Bloomington, 400	35
Eagle, 402	1 00
Selah, 403	35
Apollo, 405	1 00
Robert Brooker, 406	50
Galva, 408	1 00
Allemania, 411	2 00
Bentley, 412	1 00
Taylorville, 413	1 00
Murrayville, 415	1 00
Paxton, 418	1 00
J. B. Turner, 420	1 00
New Hartford, 422	1 00
Greenview, 423	50
Rock Creek, 424	50
Crescent, 426	1 00
Nebo, 427	1 00
O'Fallon, 431	50
Mt Carbon, 434	35
Pride of the Valley, 435	1 00
Ramsey, 438	1 00
Meridian, 439	35
Templar, 440	1 00
West Liberty, 443	35
Clear Lake, 445	1 00
First Scandinavian, 446	1 00
J. Ward Ellis, 447	1 00
S Englewood, 448	1 00
Silurian, 449	50
Lakeside, 450	3 00
Syria, 451	50
Mt. Pulaski, 454	1 00
Otterville, 456	50
Saybrook 460	1 00
Casner, 463	50
Odell, 464	35
Springfield, 465	1 00
Upper Alton, 466	1 00
Newman, 469	50
Piper, 471	1 00
Sidney, 473	35
Beethoven, 474	35
Olympia, 477	4 00
Veritas, 478	3 00
First Swedish, 479	1 00
Helvetia, 480	1 00
Noble, 482	35
Manufacturers, 485	1 00
Dahlgren, 486	35
Jewett, 487	35
South Park, 488	1 00
Morning Star, 489	1 00
Justus, 490	1 00
Manlius, 491	35
Tolono, 492	1 00
Rucker, 493	1 00
Banner, 495	1 00
Feuerbach, 499	75
Palmer, 501	1 00
Corinth, 502	50
Creal Springs, 504	1 00
New Chicago, 506	1 00
Sinnissippi, 508	1 00
Chromo, 512	1 00
Dwight, 513	2 50
Argus, 514	50
Bingham, 516	35
Tennessee, 520	50
Woodlawn, 522	45
Marietta, 523	35
Kenwood, 525	1 00
Goreville, 528	35
Mahomet, 529	1 00
Eintracht, 531	1 00
Alliance, 395	$ 35
Venus, 536	50
Roseville, 537	35
Catlin, 538	1 00
Chrisman, 541	50
Gibson, 542	35
Auburn, 543	50
Northern Light, 544	1 00
Oakland, 545	1 00
Kaulbach, 549	75
Sciota, 552	1 00
Castleton, 553	95
Lily, 554	35
Wayne City, 558	50
Grateful, 559	1 00
Neponset, 560	50
Vandalia, 562	1 15
Lecture, 563	40
Oakwood, 564	35
Pellsville, 565	50
Dakota, 566	1 00
Dexter, 568	1 00
Hindsboro, 571	1 00
Gem, 572	50
Badger Spring, 573	1 00
Buda, 575	1 00
Fidelity, 576	1 00
Monmouth, 577	50
Evergreen, 581	50
Swedish Olive, 583	1 00
River, 586	1 00
Brothers, 589	1 00
Advance, 590	5 00
Biggsville, 591	35
Fraternal, 592	1 00
Lovington, 593	1 35
Rinard, 594	35
Kemper, 596	1 00
Seymour, 597	50
Wataga, 598	1 00
Dove, 600	1 57
Loyal, 601	1 00
Centennial, 603	35
Bluff, 605	1 00
Malta, 606	35
Standard, 607	1 00
Ucal, 608	1 00
Charleston, 609	35
Herscher, 612	1 00
Grandview, 614	1 00
Eddyville, 615	1 00
Terre Haute, 616	50
Beacon, 618	1 00
Althea, 619	1 00
North Star, 620	50
Marissa, 622	50
Hunt City, 623	35
New Burnside, 625	1 00
Orient, 626	1 55
North Henderson, 628	
Victoria, 629	1 00
Edinburg, 631	35
Grape Creek, 632	2 00
Kansas, 633	50
Metcalf, 635	94
Prospect, 636	1 00
Cable, 637	1 00
Viola, 638	50
Brighton Park, 639	35
Loraine, 641	35
Burton, 642	1 00
Westfield, 644	70
Palermo, 646	35
Gilman, 648	2 00
Pride of the West, 650	80
Falmouth, 651	1 00
Heathsville, 652	$1 00
Bristol, 653	35
Sugar Creek, 655	50
Lafayette, 657	35
Humboldt Park, 658	1 00
Bellflower, 659	75
Westville, 661	1 00
Sheridan, 662	35
Austin, 664	60
Washington, 665	1 00
White Oak, 667	35
East Peoria, 668	1 23
DePue, 669	2 00
Good Hope, 670	50
Findlay, 671	50
Evanston, 673	2 00
Ferris, 674	1 00
Alto, 676	70
Basco, 682	1 00
Orion, 686	70
Macon, 687	35
Kent, 689	1 20
Beecher City, 690	50
Paul, 691	1 00
Hutton, 692	1 00
Norden, 699	1 00
Forsyth, 700	50
Scott, 702	1 00
Carterville, 703	95
Acme, 707	50
Palatine, 708	50
Woodson, 711	45
Colchester, 714	2 00
Martin, 715	35
Pullman, 716	1 00
Deering, 717	1 00
Rock City, 718	1 00
Argenta, 720	1 00
Hyde Park, 722	1 00
Lake, 723	60
Hume, 725	50
Table Grove, 726	1 00
Modesto 727	50
Saunemin, 728	35
Hampshire, 730	1 00
South Star, 732	35
London, 734	1 00
Bethalto, 735	1 50
Sanhedrim, 739	50
Deland, 740	50
Arthur, 742	1 50
Cyclone, 743	35
J. G. Rogers, 745	35
Crossville, 748	1 00
Bethany, 749	1 00
Good Faith, 752	50
Koerner, 756	1 00
Kinderhook, 757	50
Browns, 758	35
Stone's Prairie, 759	1 00
John Wilson, 760	50
Atwood, 761	3 00
Rock Grove, 763	35
Montrose, 764	1 00
Berwick, 765	55
Hegewisch, 766	50
Hebron, 767	50
Coral, 769	1 25
Welcome, 770	1 00
Delta, 773	35
Allerton, 774	50
Bond, 775	35
Herald, 777	35
Williamsfield, 779	1 00
Central, 780	55
Eastern Rose, 784	30

Lodgd.	Amount.	Lodge.	Amount.	Lodge.	Amount.
Wellington, 785	$1 00	West Pullman, 817	$1 00	Oblong, 850	$ 35
Cameron, 786	1 00	St Anne, 820	1 00	Granite City, 852	1 00
Egypt, 789	35	Ideal, 824	1 20	Armstrong, 853	50
Yale, 790	60	La Motte, 826	75	Olmsted, 854	1 00
Ashmore, 792	2 50	Percy, 827	1 00	Elm River, 855	35
Waukegan, 793	1 00	Linden, 820	1 70	Joliet, 856	50
Dewey, 794	1 23	Elkville, 830	1 00	Old Colony, 857	60
Cheneyville, 796	1 25	Boone, 832	50	Englewood, 858	3 10
Pomona, 798	35	Mill Shoals, 835	25	Bedford, 859	40
Royal, 800	50	Coatsburg, 836	1 15	Patoka, 860	1 00
Peace, 801	2 00	Towanda, 837	1 00	Big Bay, 861	50
Ladd, 803	1 00	Gallatin, 838	1 00	Johnsonville, 863	1 00
Parkville, 805	50	Yorkville, 839	1 50	Bowen, 864	1 00
Sheffield, 808	50	East Dubuque, 840	50	Hopedale, 865	1 00
Ellsworth, 809	35	Foosland, 842	50	Grant Park, 867	1 00
Fish Hook, 810	35	West Point, 844	35	Winterrowd, 869	50
Center Point, 811	40	Ingraham, 846	35	Ben Hur, 870	1 00
Three Links, 812	1 00	Monticello, 847	1 00	Avondale, 871	1 00
Youngstown, 813	50	Wanlock, 848	1 00		
Lawrenceville, 814	1 00	New City, 849	35	Total Receipts	$473 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Mortgage and Interest	$253 00	
Paid Taxes, 1897	7 54	
Paid Postage	25 00	
Paid Printing	15 00	
Paid Drafts not honored	2 00	
Paid Drawing papers	2 00	
Paid Insurance	6 00	
Paid Incidentals	5 00	$315 54
Balance on hand		$158 00

On motion of Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, the rule requiring reports of committees to lie on the table until the next meeting of the session before they may be considered was suspended for the remainder of the present session.

The Committee on State of the Order presented their twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth reports, as follows, and they were severally considered and adopted.

Document No. 97.

Twelfth report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to petitions for change of Lodge names, to wit:

Pellsville Lodge, No. 565, of Rankin, to Rankin Lodge, No. 565:

Nellie Freeman Rebekah Lodge, No. 182, of Austin, to Austin Rebekah Lodge, No. 182:

– that, after due examination, we recommend that said petitions be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
R. K. Dewey,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 98.

Thirteenth report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No. 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to resolution* offered by Frank Fucik, of No. 630, to-wit:

"*Resolved*, That as many seats as there are Representatives be reserved in front, or near the Grand Master's chair, and that the Past Grands not Representatives be seated at the rear of the seats so reserved for the Representatives, or in the galleries."

—that, as the Constitution of this Grand Lodge provides that the same shall be composed of Representatives and Past Grands, the above resolution be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.
R. K. Dewey,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,

*Doc. 39, page 222.

Document No. 99.

Fourteenth report, by Bro. R. K. Dewey, of 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to resolution presented by Bro. W. H Fenton,* Representative of No. 515, in the matter of deducting one dollar from each Grand Officer's, Representative's and Committeeman's per diem, to be set forth and known as the "Grand Lodge Yearly Benefit to the Old Folks' and Orphans' Homes—one-half to each,—and that the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem deduct said amount, and turn it over to the Grand Treasurer for the purpose stated."

Having had the matter under consideration, we beg leave to report that we do not believe the same advisable, and recommend that the same be not approved.

Fraternally submitted.

R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt.
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
J. J. Brown.

*Doc. 37, page 221.

Document No. 100.

Fifteenth report, by Bro. J. J. Brown, of No. 122.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to a resolution* presented by Geo. W. Young, Rep. of 392:

This resolution refers to a portion of a report of the Committee on Finance of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which report is concerning the engraving and painting of portraits of Grand Sire Carleton, the cost being $350.00; four Assistant Grand Guardians, each $120.00; eight P.G. Sires being paid mileage and per diem $706.10; one reading-clerk $74.30—the total amount being $1,250.40.

Your committee are informed that the Grand Representatives of Illinois have in all their actions in the Soveregn Grand Lodge endeavored to reduce expenses in said Lodge, and we therefore ask that the resolution be approved, and that our Grand Representatives use their influence, as they have done in the past, in curtailing the expense on items mentioned in the resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. Brown,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum.

*Doc. 33, page 219.

Document No. 101.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to Fire Insurance:

We have carefully considered the subject-matter embodied in the resolution* of Bro. Henry M. Cohen touching insurance in Lodges. We are of the opinion that this matter is one of vital importance, and concerns every Lodge in this jurisdiction, for we believe that a large share of the distressing circumstances arising from losses by fire of Lodge effects, and the consequent depression of zeal for the Order, could in all cases be avoided if the instructions issued by the Grand Master to his Deputies were more implicitly obeyed. We further find that this subject is one belonging to the prerogatives of the Grand Master, and we therefore hold that this committee has no jurisdiction in the premises. We therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted, and that this committee be excused from further consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey,
J. J. Brown,
W. F. Holt.

*Doc. 42, page 224.

The same committee presented the following.

Document No. 102.

Seventeenth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to resolutions* presented by Bro. W. R. Humphrey and others, relative to an Endowment Fund to be created by voluntary gifts from members, and requesting each member of this jurisdiction to contribute a sum equal to two cents per week for each week for twelve years. We have carefully examined the proposition, and are of the opinion that the subject-matter is beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge as at present constituted. We hold that a brother may dispose of his charitable gifts as he sees fit, and no right accrues to this Grand Lodge to control the funds of individual members. We would therefore recommend that the resolutions be not adopted, and that this committee be excused from further consideration of the subject-matter embodied in said resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
J. J. Brown.

*Doc. 43, page 224.

The question being on the adoption of the report, —

Bro. W. R. Humphrey moved as a substitute that the report be not concurred in, and that the resolutions be adopted. Pending which,—

Bro. Needles, P.G.M., moved to amend Document 43 by striking out the third of the series of resolutions; by striking out, in the fourth resolution, all after the words "county bonds," and substituting therefor the words "at the highest rate of interest obtainable"; and by striking out the sixth resolution.

The question was taken on the motion of Bro. Needles to amend, and was decided in the affirmative.

The question was then taken on the motion of Bro. Humphrey as thus amended, and was decided in the affirmative; and the resolutions as amended were declared adopted.

Document No. 43.

As adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.

WHEREAS, The Order of Odd Fellows in the jurisdiction of Illinois has established, and expects to maintain in a creditable manner, the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home at Lincoln, and the Old Folks' Home at Mattoon; and

WHEREAS, Those magnificent monuments to Odd Fellowship in Illinois may be seriously crippled by an unreasonable majority in the future, or may suffer irreparable loss on account of disaster brought upon the Order by war or pestilence; and

WHEREAS, It is wise to begin now to reduce the per capita tax which is burdening the treasuries of the Lodges of this jurisdiction, by establishing special funds for the two Homes, which will bring in sufficient income to support and maintain both of them in a creditable manner for all time, regardless of whatever contingencies may arise; therefore, be it

(1) *Resolved*, That a special fund be established, to be known as the "Endowment Fund of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home," and that a special fund be established, to be known as the "Endowment Fund of the Odd Fellows' Old Folks' Home of Illinois."

(2) *Resolved*, That these funds be created by voluntary gifts from the members, from the friends of the Order, from the Lodges, and from other organizations.

(3) *Resolved*, That all moneys received as provided for in the foregoing resolutions be invested by the Grand Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home, and of the Trustees of the Old Folks' Home, in first mortgage Illinois farm loans, or in municipal, township or county bonds, at the highest rate of interest obtainable.

(4) *Resolved*, That the income derived from such investments be used to support and maintain the two Homes, and under no circumstances shall the principal be used or be reduced for any purpose.

Rep. E. Dinkelman, of No. 238, then presented two checks for $100 each, as a donation from the Chicago South End Odd-Fellows' Picnic Association to the two Home Endowment Funds in equal amounts.

The Committee on State of the Order presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 103.

Eighteenth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition for restoration to membership of a member of the defunct Kossuth Lodge.

We are satisfied, after investigation, that Bro. David Sternberg was a worthy member, and we recommend that a card be granted him by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown,
R. K. Dewey,
A. M. Houser.

The following petition was read, and the sum of $100 was donated to Bro. William McDonald, from the Special Relief Fund.

Document No. 104.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

The petitioner, Wm. McDonald, of Gallatin Lodge, No. 838, of Shawneetown, Ill., respectfully shows unto your honorable body that he has been a member of the Order for more than thirty years, was one of the members of the old Shawnee Lodge, No. 10, and during all of the time he has been an active and consistent worker in the Order until about two years ago, when he accidentally fell from a scaffold upon which he was at work (being a carpenter by trade) and received serious and permanent injury to his back and spine, the injury being of such a nature as to wholly incapacitate him for doing any manual labor whatever; that he has to be wheeled about in a wheeled chair, procured for the purpose; that he has managed, through the industry of his family, and with the little assistance he received from the brethren of his Lodge, to make a living for himself and family, his children, three in number, being all girls; that about the 5th of February, 1898, the levee around the City of Shawneetown broke, and the town was inundated, many of the valuable buildings were destroyed, and many of the citizens were impoverished and had to appeal to the public for charity and assistance; that the Lodge to which your petitioner belonged had part of their building swept away by the flood, and all of their property badly damaged, and your petitioner had about three hundred stands of bees that he had been cultivating and using to make his support, which were all ruined in the flood, so that now he is dependent wholly upon what little assistance he receives by the aid of his daughters, working at such employment as they can get in and about the City of Shawneetown.

Geo. E. Dieckmann

Grand Guardian.

In consideration of the premises, your petitioner would take it as a Godsend and a gracious favor, if this Grand Lodge would assist him by giving him a small donation to materially aid him in this his time of extreme adversity.

(Signed) WM. MCDONALD.

Orland S. Young, Representative of No. 375, Eldorado, Ill., says that he has heard the above and foregoing petition read over, and knows of his own personal knowledge that the statement and facts therein set forth are substantially true and correct.

(Signed) ORLAND S. YOUNG

[In a letter dated Nov. 18th, Bro. Young writes, referring to the foregoing petition, "It should read Bro. 'Thomas McDonald,' instead of 'Wm. McDonald.' The mistake was made in copying, and I did not notice it until this morning." To which the Grand Secretary adds that the name and number of the Lodge to which the petitioner belongs were also given incorrectly; but that error he has taken the liberty to correct. —G. SEC'Y.]

The following communication was presented.

Document No. 105.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

BROTHERS: WHEREAS, Direct information has reached us of rather destitute circumstances of our brother James A. Phibbs, of Greenfield, Ill., from sickness; and

WHEREAS, The brother has to support a son now about three years of age, and has no means of support except donations from the good friends of the community in which he lives, together with the small amount of weekly benefits his Lodge pays him: therefore, be it

Resolved, That some action be taken by this Grand Body by which the brother may be relieved to some extent creditable to him and to our noble Order, in accordance with our obligations to the Order.

H. J. MANGRUM, No. 49.
R. L. WYLDER, No. 195.

The resolution was adopted, and the sum of $50.00 was donated to Bro. James A. Phibbs from the Special Relief Fund.

She committee on State of the Order presented their reports numbered nineteenth to thirty-sixth inclusive, which were severally considered and adopted, as follows.

Document No 106.

Nineteenth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on the State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition for restoration to membership of a former member of the defunct Kossuth Lodge.

We are satisfied, after due investigation, that Bro. Louis Sternberg was a worthy member, and we recommend that a card be granted him by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown,
R. K. Dewey,
A. M. Houser.

Document No. 107.

Twentieth report, by Bro. J. J. Brown, of No. 122.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition for restoration to membership of a former member of the defunct Kossuth Lodge.

We are satisfied, after due investigation, that Bro. Joseph Weinthal was a worthy member, and we recommend that a card be granted him by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. Brown,
R. K. Dewey,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt.

Document No. 108.

Twenty-first report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition for restoration to membership of a former member of the defunct Lodge known as Kossuth Lodge.

We, after careful examination, are satisfied that Bro. Samuel Steelman is a worthy brother, and recommend that this Grand Lodge grant him a card.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey.

Document No. 109.

Twenty-second report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No. 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to amendment* presented by Geo. W. Young, Representative of 392, in relation to Old Folks' Home.

As the Grand Lodge has already taken action on said resolution, we beg to be excused from consideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey.

*Doc. 46, page 228.

Document No. 110.

Twenty-third report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to a resolution* introduced by Bros. Sam J. Baker, P.G.R., and others, concerning the action of Grand Master Cicero J. Lindly in his selection of the Odd Fellows' Dedicatory Staff of Decatur to dedicate the Old Folks' Home at Mattoon.

We have considered this resolution, and beg to commend the action of the Grand Master, and recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Dedicatory Staff for the proficient manner in which they have performed their work; and we further congratulate the jurisdiction upon having within its control a staff with the proficiency and creditable record of the Decatur Dedicatory Staff, of Decatur Lodge, No. 65, Decatur, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
J. J. Brown,
W. F. Holt,
R. K. Dewey.

*Doc. 32, page 218.

Document No. 111.

Twenty-fourth report, by Bro. W. F. Holt, of No. 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition for restoration to membership of a former member of the defunct Kossuth Lodge.

Your committee carefully examined the evidence presented as to the standing of Bro. P. Teshke, and found him worthy. We therefore recommend that a card be granted him.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. HOLT,
J. J. BROWN,
R. K. DEWEY,
J. L. BARNUM,
A. M. HOUSER.

Document No. 112.

Twenty-fifth report, by Bro. R. K. Dewey, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows in regard to the petition for reinstatement to membership of Henry Stenbach, he having been a member of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, now defunct.

We are satisfied, after due investigation, that Bro. Henry Stenbach was a worthy member, and we recommend that a card be granted to him by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

R. K. DEWEY,
A. M. HOUSER,
W. F. HOLT,
J. J. BROWN,
J. L. BARNUM.

Document No. 113.

Twenty-sixth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition for restoration to membership of a former member of the defunct Kossuth Lodge.

We are satisfied, after due examination, that Bro. Wm. F. Porch was a worthy member, and we recommend that a card be granted him by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. BARNUM,
W. F. HOLT,
J. J. BROWN,
R. K. DEWEY,
A. M. HOUSER.

Document No. 114.

Twenty-seventh report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition for restoration to membership of a former member of the defunct Kossuth Lodge, No. 569.

We are satisfied, after due investigation, that Bro. C. Albright was not guilty of the misconduct charged against the Lodge to which he formerly belonged. We would therefore recommend that a card be granted him by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.
A. M. Houser,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown,
J. L. Barnum.

Document No. 115.

Twenty-eighth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser. of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition of Bro. Aaron Harris to be restored to membership, he being a former member of Kossuth Lodge No. 569, now defunct.

We have examined the evidence submitted, and are of the opinion that the brother was innocent of the charge preferred by Grand Master Rankin against Kossuth Lodge. We therefore recommend that a card be issued to the brother.

Respectfully submitted.
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 116.

Twenty-ninth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition of Bro. Charles Landon for restoration to membership, he being a former member of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, now defunct.

We are satisfied, after due investigation, that the brother was innocent of the charge preferred against said Lodge by Grand Master Geo. C. Rankin, and we therefore recommend that a card be granted to him by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.
A. M. Houser,
R. K. Dewey,
J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 117.

Thirtieth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition of Bro. David Micon, for restoration to membership, he being a former member of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, now defunct.

We are satisfied, after due investigation, that Bro. Micon was a worthy member, and we recommend that a card be granted to him by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt,
R. K. Dewey,
J. L. Barnum
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 118.

Thirty-first report, by Bro. J. J. Brown, of No. 122.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition for restoration of a member of the defunct Kossuth Lodge.

We made careful examination as to the standing and character of Bro. Louis Rosenberg and found him worthy. We therefore recommend that he be granted a card.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. Brown,
W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey.

Document No. 119.

Thirty-second report, by Bro. J. J. Brown, of No. 122.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to petition for restoration to membership by a former member of Kossuth Lodge, now defunct.

We, your committee, looked over the evidence presented and the testimony of good brethren before the committee concerning Bro. William Theehs, and find him worthy of membership. Therefore we recommend that a card be granted him.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. Brown,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum.

Document No. 120.

Thirty-third report, by Bro. W. F. Holt. of No. 870.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition of Bro. Frank McDowold for restoration to membership, he having been a member of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, whose charter was arrested.

We are of the opinion, after due investigation, that there is not sufficient evidence of moral character to justify this committee in recommending the granting of card to said brother.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
R. K. Dewey,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 121.

Thirty-fourth report, by Bro. R. K. Dewey, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition of Max Stern for reinstatement to membership, he having been a member of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, the charter of which Lodge was arrested.

We are of opinion, after due investigation, that there is not sufficient evidence before this committee as to the moral character of said Max Stern. Your committee therefore ask to be relieved from further consideration of the matter.

Fraternally submitted.

R. K. Dewey,
A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 122.

Thirty-fifth report, by Bro. R. K. Dewey, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition of Bro. E. Ressman for restoration to membership, he having been a member of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, whose charter has been arrested.

We are of opinion, after due investigation, that there is not sufficient evidence of moral character to justify this committee in recommending the granting of the card petitioned for.

Fraternally submitted.

R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 123.

Thirty-sixth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition of Bro. L. Hantover for restoration to membership, he being a former member of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, now defunct.

We have carefully examined the evidence presented, and we find from the same that, in our opinion, it is not sufficient to exonerate the brother from the charges preferred against said Lodge. We therefore recommend that the petition be dismissed and card denied.

Fraternally submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.

The same committee presented the following report, which was considered and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, with instructions to report upon the subject-matter at the next annual session of the Grand Lodge.

Document No. 124.

Thirty-seventh report, by Bro. J. L. Barnnm, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on the preamble and resolutions presented by H. A. Stone, P.G.M. (Doc. 41, page 223) would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Trustees for the Management of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home, and the Old Folks' Home.

Having examined the same carefully, we are satisfied that there is much merit, and a possibility of a large saving in expense, as well as a greater degree of harmony, and would recommend that the same be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser,
J. J. Brown.

The same committee presented their reports numbered thirty-eighth to forty-sixth inclusive, which were severally considered and adopted, as follows.

Document No. 125.

Thirty-eighth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.OO.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to a petition for restoration to membership of Bro. B. Adenberg, of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, now defunct.

We would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the evidence, and find from the same that we are not satisfied as to the entire innocence of the petitioner as to the charges preferred against said Lodge. We therefore recommend that the petition be denied and that no card be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
R. K. Dewey,
J. L. Barnum,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 126.

Thirty-ninth report, by Bro. R. K. Dewey, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the application for a card from the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, reinstating William Lennox to membership, he having been a member of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, whose charter was arrested.

We are of opinion, after due investigation, that Bro. William Lennox was a worthy member, and recommend that a card be granted to him.

Fraternally submitted.

R. K. Dewey,
J. L. Barnum,
A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.

Document No. 127.

Fortieth report, by Bro. R. K. Dewey, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the petition of Harris Rosenthal for restoration to membership, he being a member of Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, whose charter was arrested.

We are satisfied, after due investigation, that Bro. Harris Rosenthal was a worthy member, and we recommend that a card be granted to him by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

R. K. DEWEY,
J. L. BARNUM,
A. M. HOUSER,
W. F. HOLT,
J. J. BROWN.

Document No. 128.

Forty-first report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to Visitations by Grand Lodge Officers.

We have perused the statement made by the Grand Secretary in reference to Visitations* made in Chicago and elsewhere, and fully concur with him in his conclusions, and know from actual experience that great benefit has been derived to the membership and the Order at large by such visitations, and would recommend that these visitations be continued by the incoming Grand Officers.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. BARNUM,
A. M. HOUSER,
R. K. DEWEY,
W. F. HOLT,
J. J. BROWN.

*See page 73.

Document No. 129.

Forty-second report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to Veteran Jewels.

That we have examined that part of the Grand Secretary's Report relating to the subject.* We heartily congratulate the Order and the jurisdiction upon the fact that the zeal for the perpetuation of the immortal principles of our fellowship is so potent as to so forcibly appeal to the hearts of our brethren that a membership once begun is continued for an unbroken period of twenty-five years and more. We note with pleasure the fact that one hundred and twenty-three Veterans' Jewels were presented to an equal number of faithful brothers, and we congratulate the recipients for their example of fidelity. We encourage the bestowal of the Veteran's Jewel in all cases where the recipient is worthy of this mark of esteem.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. HOUSER,
R. K. DEWEY,
W. F. HOLT,
J. L. BARNUM,
J. J. BROWN.

See page 73.

Document No. 130.

Forty third report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Weak Lodges.*

It is well known to all thinking members that the large number of weak Lodges in our jurisdiction is a constant source of anxiety and annoyance to our Grand Master, and a great drawback to the prosperity of the Order—many Lodges having less than twenty members, the revenue of which is entirely inadequate to meet current expenses, let alone rendering the necessary assistance to their members entirely impossible, thereby rendering the Lodge and the Order objects of reproach and a stigma on the Order. But how to remedy these evils, under our present laws, is a serious problem. We would therefore recommend to our future Grand Masters that they withhold charters from all prospective Lodges unless fully satisfied that they have a sufficient number of charter members and candidates for admission upon their institution to insure success; and in the case of Lodges already in existence, while the Grand Master can not require Lodges with a constitutional quorum (which is five members) to surrender their charters, we think he should, in all cases where possible, encourage the consolidation of contiguous Lodges.

Fraternally submitted.

J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey,
A. M. Houser,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.

*See page 11.

Document No. 131.

Forty-fourth report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to petition of John Malone, a former member of the now defunct Kossuth Lodge, No. 569, applying for a withdrawal card.

We have carefully examined the case, and find that Bro. Malone was not one of those in contempt when the charter was taken, and we further find that his character is above reproach. We therefore recommend that his petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. Holt,
A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey,
J. J. Brown,

Document No. 132.

Forty-fifth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the Condition of the Order.

We have examined that part of the Grand Secretary's Report relating to the above subject,* wherein the fact is set forth that this jurisdiction has sustained a net loss of 497 members. While the contemplation of a loss is to a certain degree discouraging, we take cognizance of the fact that, in view of the increased capitation tax, very many of the Lodges have by necessity, for reasons of economy, been compelled to drop members who have heretofore been carried, when a smaller amount was necessary for capitation tax. The condition above set forth, however, promises to be of short duration, by reason of the fact that this Grand Body has settled the capitation problem along lines of economy and retrenchment; and we believe that the improved condition will conduce to renewed and increased prosperity, and the condition of the Order will be found to be materially improved when the next report on this subject shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge. We commend the Representatives for their wise, courageous and generous course, and we recommend that legislation in future be along lines of safe business methods and economic retrenchment.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.

*See page 59.

Document No. 133.

Forty-sixth report, by Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report as follows, in regard to Lodge Secretaries.

In carefully examining that part of the Grand Secretary's Report relating to Lodge Secretaries,* the fact stands prominently forth that it is of the utmost importance both to the jurisdiction and to the Lodge that a thoroughly competent brother be elected to fill the responsible position of Secretary, either Recording or Financial. As the successful working of a Lodge is to a large degree dependent upon the Secretaries, the fact aforesaid is of the most vital importance. We heartily congratulate this jurisdiction on the possession of a Grand Secretary whose method of business has removed, to a greater or less degree, the consequent confusions which result from incompetent Secretaries, and we would recommend that some action be taken

by the incoming Grand Master to bring this matter to the notice of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, so that, if possible, the evil referred to in the foregoing report may be minimized to the greatest degree possible; that the Order may not only be protected, but advanced in the direction of the highest efficiency. We congratulate the Order in this jurisdiction on the high percentage of proficiency already attained, but believe there is sufficient latitude for improvement.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. Houser,
J. L. Barnum,
R. K. Dewey,
W. F. Holt,
J. J. Brown.

*See page 75.

The Committee on Legislation presented their fifth and sixth reports, as follows, which were severally considered and adopted.

Document No. 134.

Fifth report, by Bro. George F. Howard, P.G.M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Amendment* to Section 20 of Article VII, of the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Lodges, offered by Past Grand Master George F. Howard.

We have duly considered the same, and recommend that Section 20 of Article VII, of the Subordinate Constitution, be stricken out entirely, and the following new section be adopted in place thereof:

"Section 20. Upon such removal, the Prosecuting Committee, or some attorney appointed by them, or by the Noble Grand of the removing Lodge, may present the case, and the accused may appear by himself or attorney, as if no such removal had taken place."

Fraternally submitted.

Geo. F. Howard,
F. W. Latimer,
H. C. Feltman,
D. R. Anderson,
A. L. Fyfe,
Committee.

*See Doc. 18, page 192.

Document No. 135.

Sixth report, by Bro. George F. Howard, P.G.M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of Amendment* to Section 19 of Article VII, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, offered by Bro. Geo. F. Howard, of No. 664.

We have duly considered the same, and recommend that Section 19 of Article VII, of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, be amended as follows: Strike out all of said section after the word "when" at the end of the ninth line of said section, and insert in place thereof the following: "the record of written evidence is reported by the Commissioner, and the case is ready for the Noble Grand to pass upon the objected testimony, if any, the trial shall be removed to the Lodge so designated by the Grand Master; and the Noble Grand of such designated Lodge shall pass upon the objected evidence as provided for in Section 5 of this article." So that the section, when amended, will read as follows:

"Section 19. If three members of a Lodge in which charges may be preferred against a member are of the opinion that the accused will not receive an impartial trial at the hands of the Lodge, and present such opinion in writing, such paper, together with such evidence as may be desired bearing upon the question of prejudice in the Lodge, shall be forwarded to the Grand Master; and if he orders the change to another Lodge, then, when the record of written evidence is reported by the Commissioner, and the case is ready for the Noble Grand to pass upon the objected testimony, if any, the trial shall be removed to the Lodge so designated by the Grand Master; and the Noble Grand of such designated Lodge shall pass upon the objected evidence as provided for in Section 5 of this article."

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
F. W. LATIMER,
H. C. FELTMAN,
D. R. ANDERSON,
Committee.

*Doc. 19, page 192.

Bro. Orendorff, of No. 465, P.G.M., moved that a special committee of three be appointed on Obituaries of Bros. William H. Crocker, P.G.R., and Henry S. Herr, P.G.M.

The motion prevailed, and the Grand Master announced the committee, as follows:

Committee on Obituaries—Bros. Alfred Orendorff, P.G.M.; J. Otis Humphrey, P.G.M.; Robert K. Dewey, P.G.W.

Rep. Merrills, of No. 650, moved that the Grand Secretary be instructed to ascertain from the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges the names of the soldiers, members of this Order, who perished in the Spanish-American War, and to set aside a page in the Journal in memory of their heroism; and the motion prevailed by a rising vote.

The Committee on Legislation presented their seventh, eighth and ninth reports, as follows, which were severally considered and adopted.

Document No. 136.

Seventh report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of that part of the Grand Master's Report relating to Mileage and Per Diem.*

Your committee find that it is impossible at this time to formulate legislation on this subject, as it is necessary to consult the various Passenger Associations in the State.

Your committee would therefore recommend that a Special Committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, the Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, and the incoming Grand Master, be appointed to arrange the matter of transportation of Grand Lodge members, and submit at the Session of 1899 a permanent plan of transportation.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. F. HOWARD,
A. L. FYFE,
D. R. ANDERSON,
H. C. FELTMAN,
F. W. LATIMER,
Committee.

*See page 15.

Document No. 137.

Eighth report, by Bro. A. L Fyfe, of No. 416.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of that part of the Grand Master's Report relating to "Biennial Sessions,"* which was referred to this committee.

We beg leave to report that the Grand Lodge has already disposed of the subject-matter, and therefore the committee ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject.

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
A. L. FYFE,
D. R. ANDERSON,
F. W. LATIMER,
H. C. FELTMAN,
Committee.

*See page 14, "Finance."

Document No. 138.

Ninth report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the resolution* introduced by Bro. Chas. A. Cook, of No. 190, pertaining to Annual Terms of Officers of Subordinate Lodges.

Your committee believe that the present semi-annual terms are conducive to the highest interest of the Lodges, and believe that no good will result from a change; and we therefore report adversely to the adoption of the resolution.

Fraternally submitted.

D. R. Anderson,
A. L. Fyfe,
H. C. Feltman,
George F. Howard,
F. W. Latimer,
Committee.

*Doc. 27, page 214.

The same committee presented the following report, which lies on the table for consideration at the next annual session.

Document No. 139.

Tenth report, by Bro. Geo. F. Howard, P.G.M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would recommend that Section 1 of Article VIII of the Grand Lodge Constitution be amended by adding the following paragraph to said section: "All applications for Charters must be accompanied by the withdrawal cards and the Charter fee, to-wit, Thirty Dollars"; so that the section when amended will read as follows:

"Section 1. Charters may be granted as follows, namely: (1) On the written application of five or more brothers in good standing, to open a Lodge where there is no Lodge, or where there is no Lodge working in the language of the proposed Lodge; (2) on the written application of ten or more brothers in good standing, to open a Lodge where not more than nine Lodges are working in the language of the proposed Lodge; (3) on the written application of twenty or more brothers in good standing, to open a Lodge where ten or more Lodges are working ln the language of the proposed Lodge; *provided*, the application shall be approved by at least two-thirds of the Lodges working in the language of the proposed Lodge at such place.

"All applications for Charters must be accompanied by the withdrawal cards and the Charter fee, to-wit, Thirty Dollars."

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
H. C. FELTMAN,
A. L. FYFE,
D. R. ANDERSON,
F. W. LATIMER,
Committee.

The same committee presented their eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth reports, as follows, which were considered and adopted.

Document No. 140.

Eleventh report, by Bro. A. L. Fyfe, of No. 416.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of a resolution* offered by Willis Melville, No. 693, and E. R. Polk, No. 693, pertaining to Mileage and Per Diem. As the subject-matter of this resolution has been acted on by this Grand Lodge, the committee therefore asks to be relieved from the further consideration of the subject.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. F. HOWARD,
D. R. ANDERSON,
A. L. FYFE,
H. C. FELTMAN,
F. W. LATIMER,
Committee.

*Doc. 33, page 219.

Document No. 141.

Twelfth report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the resolution* introduced by Bro. Fred W. Mollman, of No. 286, embodying an amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, Article VI, Section 8, providing for Reports of Grand Officers, Proceedings of the Annual Sessions, and other printing of the Grand Lodge being published in the English language only.

Your committee, because of the fact that the resolution embodies an amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, report that the consideration of the resolution must lie over until the next regular session of this Grand Lodge, and beg to be relieved from further present consideration of the subject.

Fraternally submitted.

D. R. ANDERSON,
A. L. FYFE,
H. C. FELTMAN,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
F. W. LATIMER,
Committee.

*Doc. 28, page 215.

Document No. 142.

Thirteenth report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the resolutions* of Grand Representative J. O. Humphrey, embodying repeal of all legislation of this Grand Lodge on the subject of Life and Accident Insurance. In conformity with the legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, without in any way reflecting upon the management of any insurance organization at present licensed by this Grand Lodge, your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

"Sections 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2278 and 2279, of Article XI, Illinois Code, I.O.O.F., are hereby repealed."

Section 2272 is hereby amended by dropping all that portion following the word "Order," so that the section shall read:

"It is illegal to use the name or emblems of the I.O.O.F. in the transaction of business other than that directly pertaining to the Order."

Section 2276 is hereby amended by striking out the words "regarding insurance societies and other laws," so that the section shall read: "It is not lawful for an association of members to be formed and incorporated under the civil law with the name and title of 'Odd Fellows' Building Association' for the purpose of erecting a building as an investment, said building to be known as an 'Odd Fellows' Building,' and for such association to solicit members to invest therein, without first obtaining the consent of the State Grand Body and strictly complying with the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge prohibiting the name and title of the Order in private enterprises."

This amendment shall take effect and be in full operation from and after the first day of January, A. D. 1899.

Fraternally submitted.

D. R. ANDERSON,
H. C. FELTMAN,
GEORGE F. HOWARD,
F. W. LATIMER,
A. L. FYFE,
Committee.

*Doc. 10, page 186.

Document No. 143.

Fourteenth report, by Bro. Geo. F. Howard, P.G.M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would recommend that Section 11 of Article II of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended

as follows: Add the words "either by initiation" to follow the word "membership" in the second line of said section, so that the section when amended will read as follows:

"Section 11. No Subordinate Lodge in this State shall admit to membership, either by initiation or deposit of card, any person residing nearer another Lodge working in the same language, without the consent of such Lodge having been first obtained in writing, and payment to such Lodge of the amount of fees for initiation and degrees charged by the Lodge receiving such member: *Provided, however*, the Lodge giving such consent in writing may, also in writing, if it so desires, waive the payment to it of the above-named fees for initiation and degrees; *Provided*, that in a city or village in which there are two or more Lodges, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction."

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
H. C. FELTMAN,
F. W. LATIMER,
A. L. FYFE,
D. R. ANDERSON,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing presented their fifth and sixth reports, as follows, which were severally considered and adopted.

Document No. 144.

Fifth report, by Bro. Camp, of No. 322.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows, in regard to amendment to Section 8 of Article VI of the Grand Lodge Constitution, abolishing the German Journal.

Inasmuch as this is a proposed amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, and must, under the provisions of said Constitution, lie over for one year before action thereon can be taken, your committee would respectfully ask to be excused from further consideration of the subject at this time.

JOHN R. CAMP,
J. R. KEWLEY,
H. DINKELMAN,
SVEN WINDROW,
GEO. W. CYRUS,
Committee.

*Doc. 28, page 215.

Document No. 145.

Sixth report, by Bro. John R. Camp, of No. 322.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Printing would respectfully report as follows in regard to the matter of binding the Grand Lodge Journals.

Although the contract for printing and binding the Journal for this session had been made, your committee have consulted the contractor, Bro. Edward F. Hartmann, and he has agreed, if it shall be the pleasure of this Grand Lodge to so instruct this committee, to make a reduction of $175 from the contract price for said Journal if it shall be bound in paper cover instead of in boards and cloth; or, he will bind twenty-three hundred copies in paper, and two hundred copies in cloth as heretofore, at a reduction from contract price of $161.

We, your committee, therefore respectfully recommend that 2,300 copies be bound in paper, and 200 copies be bound in cloth, and that the paper-bound volumes be furnished those entitled to the same as heretofore, and that the cloth-bound volumes shall be furnished those wishing the same upon the payment of 25 cents each.

We recommend that the selling price of the cloth-bound Journal remain at 50 cents, and that the paper-bound Journal be sold for 40 cents per copy.

JOHN R. CAMP.
J. R. KEWLEY,
H. DINKELMAN,
GEO. W. CYRUS.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 146.

Eleventh report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the Official Bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

We have examined the bond of Bro. Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary-elect, in the penal sum of $30,000, and recommend that the same be approved and placed in the hands of the Grand Master for safe-keeping.

The bond of Grand Treasurer-elect Thomas B. Needles, in the penal sum of $50,000, has also been examined by us, and we recommend that it be also approved and placed in the hands of the Grand Master for safekeeping.

Fraternally submitted. W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN.

The same committee presented the following report, which was considered.

Document No. 147.

Fourteenth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to instructing the Mileage and Per Diem Committee to draw warrants for mileage and per diem in favor of Bros. P. B. Keeler and Frank Schueller, for acting as special Guardians during this session of the Grand Lodge. We would report that, the Grand Master having approved the bill, we recommend that the resolution* be adopted.

Fraternally submitted. W. V. WEISE,
JACOB KROHN,
FRED B. MERRILLS.

*The resolution referred to had not been presented to the Grand Lodge, but went directly to the committee. It is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Mileage and Per Diem Committee is hereby instructed to draw a warrant for the mileage and per diem of Bros. P. B. Keeler and Frank Schueller, who have acted as Special Guardians during this Grand Lodge by appointment of the Grand Master.

"O. K. CICERO J. LINDLY. J. A. LUCAS, No. 69."

Bro. Calkins, Chairman of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, moved to amend by striking out in the resolution and in the report the words "Mileage and Per Diem Committee" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Grand Secretary," explaining that the committee had completed its report and the Grand Lodge had adopted it.

The motion to amend prevailed, and the report as amended was adopted.

The fifteenth report of same committee, as follows, was considered.

Document No. 148.

Fifteenth report, by Bro. Fred B. Merrills, of No. 650.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the resolution of Rep. George W. Young, of No. 392, in the matter of the reduction of Grand Lodge expenses—Document 38, page 221.

Your committee would report that the Grand Lodge has already made considerable reduction in the matter of expense, and other propositions are still pending reducing other items, and we would therefore recommend that the resolution be not concurred in.

FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE.

Rep. Young moved to amend the report by adding a recommendation that the items of $15.00 to Chairman of Mileage and Per Diem and $15.00 for pictures of Grand Officers be not incurred in future.

The question on the motion to amend was taken, and was decided in the negative on division.

Other amendments were offered, which were ruled out of order.

The report of the committee was then adopted.

A motion to limit speeches to five minutes each for the remainder of the session failed of adoption, on division.

On motion of Bro. Berry, D G.M., the action (page 257). adopting Document 89 was reconsidered.

The whole matter was then referred to the Committee on Legislation, with instructions to formulate and report amendments to the Constitution to meet the apparent views of the Grand Lodge on the questions involved. [See eighteenth report of that committee.]

The Committee on Finance presented their twenty-third report, as follows, which was considered.

Document No. 149.

Twenty-third report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to Estimated Receipts and Disbursements of the Grand Lodge for the next fiscal year.

Balance on hand in general fund	$16,576 91	
Capitation tax, at $1.00 per member	51,000 00	
Profit on supplies	1,000 00	
Grand Master's salary		666 67
Grand Master's stenographer		480 00
Expenses of Grand Master's office		200 00
Grand Secretary's salary		2,240 00
Grand Secretary's office, current expenses		1,860 00
Stationery		400 00
Special Deputies		150 00
Expenses of committees		500 00
Daily Journal		200 00
English Journal		900 00
German Journal		625 00
Mileage and Per Diem. present session		15,000 00
Grand Treasurer's clerk-hire		100 00
To provide in part for expenses during six months at close of session of 1899		5,000 00
Orphans' Home appropriation		18,000 00
Old Folks' Home appropriation		12,000 00
Leaving a balance on hand for the Mileage and Per Diem and expenses of the next session of.		10,255 24
	$68,576 91	$68,576 91

Your committee would therefore recommend that the sum of $68,576.91, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, in the manner and for the purposes herein expressed; and that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary are hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer therefor, and at such times and in such amounts as may be required to pay legitimate bills as they may be presented.

We further recommend that a per capita tax of $1.00 per member be paid by the Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Secretary—50 cents thereof with the April report, and 50 cents thereof with the October report, of the year 1899.

We further report that we find that after the expenses of the present session shall have been paid, there will remain in the general fund only about $1,500, which is entirely inadequate to meet the Grand Lodge expenses for the next six months We therefore recommend that the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer be author-

ized to borrow from time to time such amounts as may be necessary to pay the legitimate bills of the Grand Lodge, as herein appropriated, at a rate of interest not to exceed six per cent. per annum.

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS.

Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, moved to amend the report by striking out "$12,000" (appropriation for Old Folks' Home) and inserting "$5,000" in lieu thereof.

The motion to amend did not prevail, and the report was adopted.

Bro. Phillips, P.G.M, moved that all cases now pending on appeal from decisions of Committtee on Judiciary and Appeals be continued until the next annual session of this Grand Lodge.

The motion did not prevail.

The Committee on Finance presented their reports numbered from sixteen to twenty-one inclusive, which were severally considered and adopted.

Document No. 150.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of letting the office of Grand Secretary to the lowest bidder.

Your Committee is of the opinion that such action is contrary to the spirit of Odd-Fellowship, and recommends that the resolution* be not concurred in.

Fraternally submitted.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS.

*See Doc. 30, pages 217-18.

Document No. 151.

Seventeenth report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the resolutions of Koerner Lodge, No. 756, concerning Grand Lodge expenses—Document No. 40, page 222.

We recommend that the resolutions be not concurred in.

Fraternally submitted.

W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN.

Document No. 152.

Eighteenth report, by Bro Fred B. Merrills, of No. 650.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance, in regard to taking a sufficient amount of money from the Special Relief Fund and turning it into the General Fund to pay expenses of the Grand Lodge, desire to report, that the committee deems it unwise to sell the U. S. Bonds now to the credit of that fund, and the amount of cash in that fund is not sufficient to carry us through.

We therefore recommend that the resolution* be not adopted.

Fraternally submitted. FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE.

*See Doc. 31, page 218.

Document No. 153.

Nineteenth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the resolution offered by Bro. S. S. Noble and another, concerning the salary and stenographer of the Grand Master—Document 44, pages 225–6.

We find that the subject-matter of this resolution has already been disposed of by the Grand Lodge, and your committee beg to be relieved from any further consideration of said resolution.

JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS.

Document No. 154.

Twentieth report, by Bro W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully recommend that the sum of $10.00 be paid to Charles R. Coon for Assistant Janitor services.

Fraternally submitted. W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN.

Document No. 155.

Twenty-first report, by Bro. Fred B. Merrills, of No. 650.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the bill for $30.00 of Bro. H. F. Day for services as Assistant Secretary during the session of this Grand Lodge.

This bill being approved by the Grand Secretary, your committee would recommend its payment.

Fraternally submitted. FRED B. MERRILLS.
W. V. WEISE,
JACOB KROHN.

The same committee presented the following report, which was considered.

Document No. 156.

Twenty-second report, by Bro. W. V. Weise, of No. 3.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows in regard to the resolution of Bro. Thomas J. Gregory and others concerning the salary of Sister Morrison, Matron of the Orphans' Home (Document 90, page 258).

We are of the opinion that the matter of said salary should be left to the discretion of the Trustees of the Home, to be fixed by them.

Fraternally submitted. W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN.

Rep. W. E. P. Anderson, of No. 350, moved to non-concur the report.

The motion did not prevail, and the report was adopted.

The same committee presented their twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth reports, which were severally considered and adopted.

Document No. 157.

Twenty-fourth report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn, of No. 239.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows, in regard to allowing the incoming Grand Chaplain mileage and per diem for attendance upon the Grand Lodge.

This brother, not knowing when his presence would be wanted, or when the Grand Lodge would close, has attended all the sessions of this Grand Lodge, to the certain knowledge of this committee, and we recommend that he be allowed mileage and per diem.

Fraternally submitted. JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE,
FRED B. MERRILLS.

Document No. 158.

Twenty-fifth report, by Bro. F. B. Merrills, of No. 650.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows in regard to appropriating $15,000 for the completion and furnishing of the Old Folks' Home.

The subject-matter of this resolution* being covered in our report No. 23, the committee begs to be excused from further consideration of this matter.

Fraternally submitted. FRED B. MERRILLS,
JACOB KROHN,
W. V. WEISE.

*Doc. 86, page 255.

The Grand Master called Past Grand Master Rankin to the chair.

The Committee on Legislation presented their fifteenth and sixteenth reports, as follows, which were considered and adopted.

Document No. 159.

Fifteenth report, by Bro. Geo. F. Howard, P.G M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in the matter of the Report of the Grand Representatives. We beg leave to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the following new legislation adopted at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which will be in force on and after January 1, 1899:

"That the possession of an Official Certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same is presented, properly signed by the Secretary and Noble Grand of the Lodge, or the Scribe and Chief Patriarch of the Encampment issuing the same, with the seal properly attached, be, and the same is hereby, declared sufficient, proper, and legal authority for any Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof the current Traveling Password of the Order."

"Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Humphrey, of Illinois, proposing legislation authorizing the several jurisdictions to permit Subordinate Lodges, in their discretion, to remit the dues of members during their service in the army and navy of their country, beg leave to report—

"That your committee is in hearty accord with the patriotic sentiments expressed in the resolution. The conviction must be universal in the Grand Lodge, that the American soldiers and sailors serving their country in the war with Spain have risked their lives in the cause of humanity and civilization. They should not be forgotten, nor should they be deprived of membership in the Order by reason of enforced absence, nor through their inability to pay. Their standing in their respective Lodges should be preserved by every legal means. But we regard the question of dues and benefits as fundamental; neither can safely be remitted. In our opinion, Lodges can and should, under existing law, find means of preserving the standing of members of the Order engaged in the service of their country."

"It was provided that hereafter the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch shall sign Official Certificates issued, as well as the Financial Secretary or Scribe."

"The Constitutional amendment requiring as an additional qualification for Grand Representative that he must be a member of a Rebekah Lodge, in good standing, was adopted."

"*Resolved*, That in all cases of appeal to this Grand Lodge, the appellant, at the time the appeal is filed, shall notify the appellee of such filing; and thereafter, either party, filing any argument or brief, shall serve a copy on the opposite party; when a Grand Lodge is appellee, such service shall be by sending the copy to the Grand Secretary of such Grand Lodge."

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary shall send to the Committee on Appeals no record on appeal, unless the same is certified as by our laws required; and when an appeal shall be received by the Grand Secretary not so certified, he shall immediately return it for proper certification."

Fraternally submitted. GEORGE F. HOWARD,
F. W. LATIMER,
H. C. FELTMAN,
D. R. ANDERSON,
A. L. FYFE,
Committee.

Document No. 159.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. Geo. F. Howard, P.G.M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the matter of the Report of the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Your committee find the following new law in reference to the payment of Funeral Benefits, which will be in force on and after Janu-

ary 1st, 1899; and to make our law conform to that law, the committee recommend the adoption of the following addition to Section 9 of Article X of the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Lodges, adding at the bottom of the section, after the word "brother," the words "*and provided further*, that the persons who are beneficiaries of the funeral benefit are the widow, orphans (under the age of twenty-one years), or the dependent relatives of the deceased, or relatives upon whom the deceased was dependent at the time of death. In the event of the death of a member in good standing not possessing any of the above-named beneficiaries of a funeral benefit, and leaving no estate, or insufficient assets to pay the expenses of funeral, the Lodge shall pay the bill of the undertaker, or an amount not exceeding the funeral benefits."

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
F. W. LATIMER,
H. C. FELTMAN,
D. R. ANDERSON,
A. L. FYFE,
Committee.

Grand Master Lindly resumed the chair.

The Committee on Rebekah Degree presented their first and second reports, as follows, which were considered and adopted.

Document No. 160.

First report, by Bro. Henry A. Stone, P.G.M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Rebekah Degree would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the resolution* from Rebekah Assembly in reference to Mileage and Per Diem of Officers and Committees of the Rebekah Assembly.

We find that the resolution is in accordance with the Constitution of the Rebekah Assembly, and approved by this Grand Lodge at the session of 1897, except that the Constitution does not provide for any number of days' attendance. And while your committee believe the limit of attendance of the Officers and Committees should be three days instead of four, inasmuch as the Rebekah Assembly has adjourned *sine die*, we recommend that the resolution be adopted for the ensuing year only.

HENRY A. STONE,
WILLIS MELVILLE,
G. E. DIECKMANN.

*Doc. 92, page 259.

Document No 161.

Second report, by Bro. Willis Melville, of No. 693.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Rebekah Degree, in regard to limiting the age of children in Rebekah Lodges and Assembly, would respectfully recommend that the resolution* be adopted.

WILLIS MELVILLE,
HENRY A. STONE,
G. E DIECKMANN.

*See Doc. 91, page 258.

The Committee on State of the Order presented the following, which was considered and adopted.

Document No. 162.

Forty-seventh report, by Bro. J. L. Barnum, of No. 9.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order would respectfully report in regard to a communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as follows:

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 15, 1898.

JAMES R. MILLER, *Grand Secretary, Illinois.*

MY DEAR BROTHER MILLER—I herewith inclose action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, held at Winchester, Ky., Oct. 11, 12 and 13, 1898, and request that you take action thereon and notify me as to the result.

Fraternally yours,
R. G. ELLIOTT, Grand Secretary.

Thos. James, P.G.M., No. 20, from the Committee on State of the Order, presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, I.O.O.F:

Your Committee on State of the Order, to which was referred the following, from the Grand Master's report, to-wit:

"I desire to call special attention of the Committee on State of the Order and this Grand Lodge to the correspondence between Grand Master Chas. W. Hodgeson, of the State of Tennessee, Middlesboro Lodge, No. 298, and myself, in regard to Jurisdiction, and recommend that the following resolutions be passed by this Grand Lodge:

"1st. *Resolved,* That authority is hereby conferred upon any Subordinate Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, to receive the application, initiate and retain as a member any citizen of the State of Kentucky whose residence at the time of said application is nearer the Lodge to which application is made than to any Subordinate Lodge in the State

of Kentucky; *provided*, that this shall only apply to such of the above-named jurisdictions as shall adopt and continue in force a law granting equal privileges to Subordinate Lodges in this State; and *provided further*, that nothing in this resolution shall be construed to debar any person so initiated, who withdraws by card, from depositing same in a Lodge in Kentucky, located further from his residence; *provided further*, that the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are complied with.

"2d *Resolved*, That if after the initiation of any person, under the provisions of the foregoing resolution, there shall be a Lodge organized under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky nearer his residence than the one in which he was initiated, that the matter of changing his membership be left to his own personal preference."

Would respectfully report that we approve the recommendation of the Grand Master, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate the same to all adjacent jurisdictions.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS JAMES, A. D. COLE,
C. P. MEREDITH, CHAS. A. WILSON,
M. J. DURHAM, A. J. REED.
WM. W. MORRIS,

Your committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to reply to the communication, informing our Kentucky brethren that a law covering the same ground has been in existence in this jurisdiction since October 10th, 1872, and sending them a copy of the same as given in Illinois Code of 1896, as follows:

"1683. A Lodge in an adjoining State may admit, by initiation or card, a resident of Illinois who lives nearer to such Lodge than to any Lodge in Illinois; *Provided*, said adjoining jurisdiction has a law giving reciprocal privileges to Lodges in this State."

Iowa seems to be now the only jurisdiction bordering upon Illinois with which we have not such reciprocal privileges.

Respectfully submitted. J. L. BARNUM,
A. M. HOUSER,
R. K. DEWEY,
J. J. BROWN,
W. F. HOLT.

The following was offered, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and lies over until the next annual session.

Document No. 163.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

The undersigned, Representatives of this Grand Lodge from Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, would offer the following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and request that a vote be taken thereon by call of the Lodges at 10 o'clock A. M., on the second day of the next session.

ARTICLE III, Sec. 1. Amend Section 1 of Article III, Membership, by substituting the following therefor:

"This Grand Lodge shall be composed of duly-elected Representatives from the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, each Lodge being entitled to one Representative, who must be a member in good standing of the Lodge which he represents, and be in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree prior to taking his seat as a member. Past Grand Masters in good standing shall have the same privileges of membership as Representatives, except in voting upon a call by Lodges."

(Signed)

JAMES MAITLAND, Rep. No. 105.
JUDSON C. SHEAR, Rep. No. 816.
C. F. PERRY, Rep. No. 471.
J. F. VAN HORN, Rep. No. 608.
SAMUEL WRIGHT, Rep. No. 829.
JAS. P. O'BRIEN, Rep. No. 230.
MARK JARDINE, Rep. No. 140.
D. P. GRAY, Rep. No. 31.
J. G. BECK, Rep. No. 689.
GEO. W. YOUNG, Rep. No. 392.
EZRA T. GOBLE, Rep. No. 294.

The following was offered, proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and lies over until the next annual session for consideration.

Document No. 164.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

The undersigned, members of this Grand Lodge, and representing the requisite number of Subordinate Lodges to entitle them to call for a vote by Lodges, submit the following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and demand that a vote be taken by a call of Lodges at the hour of ten (10) o'clock A. M. on the second day's session of this Grand Lodge in 1899:

Amend Section 1 of Article VI, by adding after the word "members" in the tenth line, the following, viz: "A majority of each of the above committees shall be selected from the Representatives to this Grand Lodge," so that the section as amended would read as follows, viz.:

"The Grand Master, at each annual session, shall, within twenty days after his installation as such, appoint the following committees:

A. E. Pearley.

Grand Herald.

First—On Credentials, three members;
Second—On State of the Order, five members;
Third—On Legislation, five members;
Fourth—On Finance, three members;
Fifth—On Rebekah Degree, three members;
Sixth—On Mileage and Per Diem, ten members;
Seventh—On Railroads, three members;
Eighth—On Printing, five members.

"A majority of each of these committees shall be selected from the Representatives to this Grand Lodge."

Amend Section 2, Article X, by striking out all after the word "constitution" and substitute the following: "And the vote shall be taken by a call of the Lodges on the second day of the Grand Lodge sessions," so that the section as amended will read:

Section 2, Article X. "Two-thirds of all votes shall be necessary to adopt an amendment to this Constitution, and the vote shall be taken by a call of the Lodges on the second day of the Grand Lodge sessions."

MARK JARDINE, No. 140.
D. P. GRAY, No. 31.
J. G. BECK, No. 689.
PHIL SWARTZ, No. 173.
JOHN MOROFF, No. 862.
EZRA T. GOBLE, No. 294.
S. C. AGLER, No. 510.
JAMES MAITLAND, No. 105.
TOM WOOD, No. 801.
JAS. P. O'BRIEN, No. 230.
M. F. CRAMER, No. 886.

Bro. A. M. Houser, of No. 613, offered the following, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Document No. 165.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. Cicero J. Lindly, the retiring Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, for the uniformiy courteous, wise and efficient manner with which his administration has been conducted, and for his fair and impartial observance of the rights and privileges belonging to the members constituting this Grand Lodge, and the members of the Subordinate Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Be it further

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be extended to the Grand Secretary, Bro. Jas. R. Miller, and that he be commended for the faithful, honorable and efficient service he has rendered to this Jurisdiction and Grand Lodge during the last past fiscal year, and for the excellent condition of the affairs of his office, as indicated by the reports of the different officers and committees reporting upon the condition of the same.

A motion by Bro. Needles, P.G.M , that the Grand Lodge Lodge now proceed to the installation of Officers did not prevail.

The following petition was presented.

Document No. 166.

W. H. Herdman, vs. Marion Lodge, No. 13. } APPEAL CASE NO. 156.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F., of Illinois:

BRETHREN—In the matter of the Appeal Case No. 156, W. H. Herdman vs. Marion Lodge, No. 13, which has been before the Judiciary Committee and this Grand Lodge for the past four years, we are compelled to again come before this Grand Body asking for relief. The facts are these:

Brother Herdman was taken sick June 2, 1894, and after fifteen weeks' sickness the Lodge sent to the brother the accrued sick-benefits, $45.00, from which action three members of the Lodge appealed to the Judiciary and Appeals Committee, which committee sustained the Lodge.

Subsequent benefits for the same sickness accrued, and the said Marion Lodge refused payment, and Bro. Herdman appealed to the Judiciary and Appeals Committee, and this committee sustained the appeal, and ordered benefits paid. From this decision the Lodge appealed, and the Grand Lodge affirmed the decision of the Judiciary and Appeals and dismissed the appeal. (See Grand Lodge Journal 1896, pages 100, 112 and 335, in Appeal Case 122.)

Subsequent benefits accruing from the same sickness, the said Marion Lodge again refused to pay, and Bro. Herdman was again forced to appeal to the Judiciary and Appeals Committee, which committee sustained the appeal, and ordered the benefits paid, and Bro. Herdman to be placed back on the sick-list. Again the Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge and was before the last session. (See Grand Lodge Journal, pages 171, 193 and 392, Appeal Case No. 156.) When the case was called, the attorney for Marion Lodge set up the plea that the evidence taken in the case had been tampered with, and was not then in possession of the Grand Lodge, and the case could not be fairly heard on its merits. The Grand Secretary could not find the papers in the case which contained the evidence taken, and the Grand Lodge, in the spirit of fairness to said Marion Lodge, reversed the decision of the Judiciary and Appeals Committee and referred the case back with instructions to the said Marion Lodge to retry the case. This action was had on November 18, 1897. After

the Grand Lodge had adjourned, the attorney for the said Marion Lodge handed the missing papers in the case to the Grand Secretary, and the said papers were and are still in perfect order, and show plainly and to the satisfaction of any unbiased brother that they are just as they were certified by the Secretary of the said Marion Lodge.

The Lodge has had one year in which to retry the case, and has failed to take any action whatever in the premises. It will be seen by the records of this Grand Lodge that the tactics of the said Marion Lodge has been one of delay and hindrance. It has been said by some of them that they expected to have to pay the benefits some time, but would delay the day as long as possible. The records of this Grand Body relating to this case for the past four years certainly confirm the statement of delay.

This case has been three times before the Judiciary and Appeals Committee, and three times, after the most painstaking and careful inquiry and investigation, reviewing the evidence and the law in the premises, the said Judiciary and Appeals Committee has each time rendered its decision requiring the benefits to be paid. Is it, then, asking too much of this Grand Lodge to now rescind its former action in referring this case back for retrial, and now affirm the decision of the Judiciary and Appeals Committee as reported in Appeal Case No. 156?

Fraternally submitted.

W. H. HERDMAN.

By M. F. DOUD, P.G., his attorney in fact.

Thereupon the following was offered.

Document No. 167.

WHEREAS, In the Appeal Case No. 156—Bro. W. H. Herdman vs. Marion Lodge, No. 13,—which was before this Grand Lodge at its 1897 Session, and which was referred back to the said Marion Lodge with instructions to said Lodge to retry the case, is still pending, and the said Marion Lodge having neglected and failed to comply with the instructions of this Grand Body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the action of this Grand Lodge in reversing the decision of the Judiciary and Appeals Committee, and referring this case back with instructions to the said Marion Lodge, No. 13, to retry the same be, and is hereby, rescinded.

And be it further Resolved, That the judgment rendered by the Judiciary and Appeals Committee in said case be sustained, and the said Marion Lodge, No. 13, be, and is hereby, ordered to comply with the said instructions of the Judiciary and Appeals Committee.

J. P. ELLACOTT, P.G., of No. 416.

Bro. Latimer, of No. 184, moved the adoption of the resolutions.

The Chair ruled that the resolutions were out of order, the case being now out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

An appeal from the decision of the Chair was taken, and the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

Bro. Herdman, by his attorney, asked permission to appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which was granted.

The following was presented.

Document No. 168.

CASE NO. 217.

Paul Lodge, No. 691, I.O.O.F. vs. The Grand Master, in the matter of the claim of Bro. August Schumann, a member of said Lodge, for five weeks' sick benefits—$25.	Before the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge:

The undersigned, August Schumann, by his attorney, Henry J. Reeziger, P.G., hereby appeals from the decision of the Judiciary and Appeals Committee to the Grand Lodge now in session, and assigns the following reasons therefor:

1st. That the decision or judgment of the committee is contrary to the established principles of the Order.

2d. That the decision or judgment of the committee is contrary to law.

3d. That the decision of the committee is contrary to the evidence.

Respectfully, in F. L. & T.,

AUGUST SCHUMANN.

By HENRY J. REEZIGER.

Bro. Phillips raised the point of order that the opinion in the case had not yet been filed, and hence that an appeal therefrom was premature.

The point of order was sustained by the Chair.

Bro. Henry J. Reeziger, of No. of 831, then moved that the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals be required to file their opinion in the case of Paul Lodge, No. 691, vs. The Grand Master—Case No. 217—forthwith; and the motion prevailed. [See page 133.]

On motion of Bro J. A. Landes, of No. 77, Cases 169 and 170—J. A. Landes vs. Remembrance Lodge, No. 77,—were continued until the next session. [See pages 107, 138.]

In Case 191—Bloomington Lodge, No. 400, vs. Remembrance Lodge, No. 77,—it was moved by Rep. Thompson, of No. 400, that the report of the committee be not concurred in. [See pages 93, 138.]

Bro. Phillips, P.G.M., moved to amend, that the opinion of the Committee on Judiciary and Appeals be concurred in.

Past Grand Master Humphrey was called to the chair.

The motion to amend did not prevail, and the original motion by Rep. Thompson was adopted.

Bro. Needles, P.G.M., moved that the decision of Past Grand Master Rankin be sustained, and that Remembrance Lodge, No. 77, be required to pay the bill; and the motion prevailed.

Case No. 194—Stephen Amon vs. North Star Lodge, No. 620—was considered. [See pages 100, 138.]

On motion of Bro. Isaac Golden, of No. 822, the decision of the committee was concurred in.

Case No. 195—Mason City Lodge, No. 337, vs. John Cameron—was considered, on motion to concur in the opinion of the committee. [See pages 113, 138.]

Pending which,—

For special reasons, it was decided to install the Grand Treasurer-elect.

THOMAS B. NEEDLES, Grand Treasurer-elect was presented before the chair, assumed the obligation of office, and was regularly installed Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Past Grand Master Needles was then called to the chair.

The question being on the motion to concur in the opinion of the committee in Case 195, it was decided in the negative, on division, without a count.

[For Case 204, see pages 110, 138, 203.]

Case 214—C. T. Hewes et al. vs. Gem City Lodge, No. 357—(see pages 122, 138) was continued to the next session of the Grand Lodge.

In Case 217 (see pages 133, 308), a motion to non-concur in the opinion of the committee was decided in the negative, and the opinion was confirmed.

The Committee on Legislation presented their seventeenth and nineteenth reports, as follows, which were severally considered and adopted.

Document No. 169.

Seventeenth report, by Bro. George F. Howard, P.G.M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the proposed amendments* introduced by Bro. Henry M. Cohen, of No. 331, and others, and which were referred to this committee: That a part of said changes have been made by this Grand Lodge, and the committee ask to be relieved from further consideration of the remainder.

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
F. W. LATIMER,
HENRY C. FELTMAN,
D. R. ANDERSON,
A. L. FYFE,
Committee.

*Doc. 45, page 226.

Document No. 170.

Nineteenth report, by Bro. George F. Howard, P.G.M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the proposed amendment* to Section 2 of Article X of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, offered by Rep. F. J. Mueller, of No. 43.

We have duly considered the same, and recommend that Section 2 of Article X of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by striking out the entire section, and inserting in place thereof the following new section:

"Section 11. Every person admitted or reinstated as a non-beneficial member shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and advantages of membership, except benefits, and shall be subject to all penalties and disabilities as other members. And no benefits shall be allowed to any non-beneficial member, nor shall any pecuniary relief

be extended to such member from the funds of the Lodge, except upon recommendation of some committee; provided, no non-beneficial member shall be assessed for the purpose of raising a fund for the payment of sick or disability benefits."

Fraternally submitted.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
F. W. LATIMER,
HENRY C. FELTMAN,
D. R. ANDERSON,
A. L. FYFE,
Committee.

*Doc. 36. page 220.

A complaint of Bingham Lodge, No. 516, against Vandalia Lodge, No. 562, was presented.

On motion of Bro. Humphrey, P.G M., the complaint was referred to the incoming Grand Master for investigation and settlement.

The Committee on Legislation presented their eighteenth report, as follows

Document No. 171.

Eighteenth report, by Bro. George F. Howard, P.G.M.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Legislation would respectfully report as follows, in regard to the proposed amendments* to Section 1 of Article VI of the Grand Lodge Constitution, which were referred to this committee with instructions to formulate proper amendments to the said section.

Your committee recommend that Section 1 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended as follows: Strike out of said section all after the word "year" in the third line of said section (as found in the 1896 Code), down to and including the word "members" in the eighth line of said section, and insert in place thereof the following:

"(1) On Credentials, three members, of whom two shall be Repsentatives; (2) On State of the Order, fifteen members, of whom at least twelve shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment; (3) On Legislation, fifteen members, of whom at least twelve shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment; (4) On Finance, three members; (5) On Rebekah Degree, ten members, of whom at least eight shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment: (6) On Mileage and Per Diem, fifteen members, of whom a majority shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment (said committee may appoint a clerk, who shall receive the compensation to which a Representative is entitled); (7) On Railroads,

*See Document 13, pp. 188, 257; Document 89, p. 256.

three members; (8) On Printing, three members, of whom at least two shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment. Vacancies shall be so filled as not to diminish the number of Representatives on a committee."

So that the section, when amended, will read as follows:

"Section 1, The Grand Master, at each annual session, shall, within twenty days after his installation as such, appoint the following committees to serve one year, viz: (1) On Credentials, three members, of whom two shall be Representatives; (2) On State of the Order, fifteen members, of whom at least twelve shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment; (3) On Legislation, fifteen members, of whom at least twelve shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment; (4) On Finance, three members; (5) On Rebekah Degree, ten members, of whom at least eight shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment; (6) On Mileage and Per Diem, fifteen members, of whom a majority shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment (said committee may appoint a clerk, who shall receive the compensation to which a Representative is entitled): (7) On Railroads, three members; (8) On Printing, three members, of whom at least two shall be Representatives at the time of their appointment. Vacancies shall be so filled as not to diminish the number of Representatives on a committee. In the Order of Business, the reports of these committees shall be called and have precedence in the order in which they are herein named. And within twenty days after the adoption of this amendment, the Grand Master shall appoint a Committee on Judiciary and Appeals, to consist of five members, one of whom shall be appointed for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years; and thereafter at each annual session the Grand Master, immediately after the installation of the Grand Officers, shall appoint one member of said committee for the full term of five years; and shall, whenever a vacancy exists in the membership of said committee, occasioned by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, fill such vacancy by appointment, and such appointee shall fill out the unexpired term of his predecessor.

"The Committee on Judiciary and Appeals shall have appellate jurisdiction to hear and determine all questions arising by appeal from the action or judgment of any Subordinate Lodge, or otherwise, which may be referred to them by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, or which may be presented to said committee by virtue of any legislation of this Grand Lodge, now or hereafter in force; and shall have original jurisdiction to hear and determine all other cases which may arise under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted for that purpose; and shall examine

and approve or reject the By-Laws of all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and may so approve or so reject the same in whole or in part, but shall have no power to change any part thereof in any other manner. *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the Grand Master from hearing and determining any question that may arise by petition or complaint of any grievance, by the wrongful act of any Lodge, officer or member, or otherwise interfere with the Grand Master in the exercise of his authority as the executive officer of this Grand Lodge."

Fraternally submitted. GEORGE F. HOWARD,
HENRY C. FELTMAN,
D. R. ANDERSON,
A. L. FYFE,
Committee.

The question being upon a motion to adopt the report,—

The Chair ruled that it could not be considered at this session.

Rep. Cohen, of No. 331, then offered the amendments to the Constitution therein contained for consideration at the next annual session.

The following was presented, for consideration at the next annual session.

Document No. 172.

WHEREAS, The membership in this Grand Jurisdiction is loyally anxious to maintain the Orphans' and Old Folks' Homes with credit and honor to the Order: and

WHEREAS, It is important for every member of the Subordinate Lodge to know to what purpose he contributes his dues: and

WHEREAS, The small sum of five (5) cents per member per month will maintain the two Homes; therefore, be it

Resolved, That an additional section be added to the Grand Lodge By-Laws, to be known as Section 12, Article II, to read as follows:

"That there be a capitation tax to maintain the Grand Lodge, and that there be an assessment of five cents per month per member upon every member of the Subordinate Lodge, to be known and designated as an 'assessment for Homes,' and to be collected as a capitation tax, and the fund to be kept sacredly for the use of the Orphans' and Old Folks' Homes; said funds to be appropriated as this Grand Lodge shall from time to time direct.

(Signed) CHAS. S. THORNTON, of No. 858.
C. F. MANSFIELD, of No. 589.

Bro. Geo. F. Howard, P G.M., presented the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Document No. 173.

Resolved, That Brother John H. Sikes, now and for many years past the efficient, courteous and unobtrusive Assistant Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, be, and hereby is, requested to furnish a suitable photograph for a portrait of himself to be inserted, with his autograph, in the printed Journal of the present session.

Signed to the foregoing resolution were names as follows: Geo. F. Howard, P.G.M.; Alfred Orendorff, P.G.M.; James R. Miller, P.G.M.; J. Otis Humphrey, P.G.M.; J. L. Barnum, P.G.M.; Geo. C. Rankin, P.G.M.; M. P. Berry, D.G.M.; R. K. Dewey, P.G.W.; N. C. Nason, P.G. Sec.; H. C. Feltman, P.G.R.; J. F. Van Horn, P.G.P.; Sam J. Baker, P.G.R.; J. A. Lucas, G. Chaplain; and Representatives or Past Grands, F. W. Latimer, 184; D. R. Anderson, 75; A. L. Fyfe, 416; N. D. Calkins, 190; Carl Lager, 172; John R. Hill, 631; L. W. Fribourg, 65; Tom Wood, 801; J. J. Lyell, 558; Edward Craig, 352; H. W. Pemberton, 433; Chas. R. Coon, 6; Chas. Maddox, 445; Alex. Anderson, 124; Chris. C. Cross, 316; F. Murdock, 228; A. E. Peasley, 616; George Thrush, 387; Henry J. Reeziger, 831; T. C. Roseberry, 465; David Fuller, 142; Thos. W. Wilson, 465; H. N. Kudsk, 521; James Galloway, 459; John M. Carter, 540; W. H. Stewart, 795; I. Fireman, 822; Chas. D. Brainard, 21; F. Schueller, 6; W. H. Hocker, 323; J. C. Anderton, 356; I. H. Scott, 425; J. W. Wheatley, 232; D. L. Hicks, 647; Grant Womer, 825; W. M. Duggans, 6; A. B. Thompson, 400; E. A. Morphew, 123; A. G. Dulany, 248; W. H. Clark, 517; H. T. Pemberton, 24.

On motion of Bro. Howard, P.G.M., an appropriation of four dollars was made for extra services of the stenographer employed to duplicate documents

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Installation of Officers.

The Grand Master requested Past Grand Masters George F. Howard and Henry Phillips to present the Grand Master-elect.

MELVIN P. BERRY, of No. 412, Grand Master-elect, was presented before the chair, assumed the obligation of office, and was regularly installed Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The remaining elected Grand Officers were then severally presented by Grand Marshal H T. Pemberton, and were installed into their respective stations, namely:

LEROY L. MCKINLEY, of No. 41.....Deputy Grand Master.
J. R. KEWLEY, of No. 450.....Grand Warden.
JAMES R. MILLER, of No. 426.....Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master appointed the following officers, and they were duly installed into their respective stations:

REV. J. G. WRIGHT, of No. 3.....Grand Chaplain.
JAMES HENRY HARRIS, of No. 450.....Grand Marshal.
J. E. TAYLOR, of No. 118.....Grand Conductor.
G. E. DIECKMANN, of No. 562.....Grand Guardian.
A. E. PEASLEY, of No. 616.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Master announced appointments as follows:

Committee on Judiciary and Appeals - Henry A. Stone, of No. 562, P.G.M, for five years; Chas. S Thornton, of No. 858, to succeed C. B. Samson, resigned.

Board of Directors of Orphans' Home—Robert G. Stripp, of No. 432, for five years.

Trustees of the Old Folks' Home—W. R Jewell, of No. 69, for five years; Henry Braumoeller, of No. 221, to succeed H. A. Stone, resigned. *Advisory Board*—Sister Catharina Hoefer, Chicago.

The Committee on Obituaries presented the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Special Committee on the Death of Past Grand Representative William H. Crocker would respectfully report as follows:

The Order of Odd-Fellows in the death of Past Grand Representative Crocker has lost one of its most eminent members, and his removal from his sphere of usefulness is deeply regretted by all who had the benefit of his acquaintance.

His services in the cause of humanity were of a practical character, as evidenced in his initiative work in the establishment of the Odd-Fellows' Orphans' Home and other works of benevolence and charity, which are monuments to his virtues more durable than any that could be erected by other hands to his memory; for by his good works he built his own monument, and any words of eulogy are as empty sounds in comparison with his deeds of usefulness.

With hearts full of sympathy for his bereaved family and relatives, we now pay the highest tribute this Order can offer, by recommending that a page in our Record of Proceedings be dedicated to the departed brother, with appropriate references to his services, to stand as a perpetual memorial to his life and character.

Respectfully submitted. ALFRED ORENDORFF,
J. OTIS HUMPHREY,
ROBERT K. DEWEY.

The same committee presented the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Death of Past Grand Master Herr would respectfully report as follows:

The Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows of the State of Illinois has learned with regret of the death of Past Grand Master Herr, at his home in Bloomington, Illinois.

He was elected Grand Master of this jurisdiction in 1866, and served for two terms as Grand Representative.

Bro. Herr was an enthusiastic Odd-Fellow, and had the confidence and respect of his brethren and of the community in which he lived.

We tender our sympathy to his family, and recommend that a page in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge be dedicated to his memory.

Respectfully submitted. ALFRED ORENDORFF,
J. OTIS HUMPHREY,
ROBERT K. DEWEY.

No further business appearing,—

The Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in due form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Jas. R. Miller

Grand Secretary.

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS

I. O. O. F.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.

REPRESENTATIVES' HALL, STATE HOUSE,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., TUESDAY, November 15, 1898—2 o'clock P. M.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS convened as above, pursuant to call of the Grand Master, for the purpose of conferring the Grand-Lodge and Past-official Degrees upon such qualified Past Grands as might apply therefor. Officers were present as follows, and a quorum of qualified Past Grands.

CICERO J. LINDLY.....Grand Master
MELVIN P. BERRY.....Deputy Grand Master
LEROY L. MCKINLEY.....Grand Warden
JAMES R. MILLER.....Grand Secretary
THOMAS B. NEEDLES.....Grand Treasurer
J. OTIS HUMPHREY.....Grand Representative
REV. J. A. LUCAS.....Grand Chaplain
E. H. KINNEY.....Grand Marshal
JOHN R. DAVIS.....Grand Conductor
C. E. WOLFE.....Grand Guardian
W. H. BEAN.....Grand Herald

The Grand Master appointed assistants to the Grand Marshal as follows:

Bros. Albert L. Bone, No. 3; John H. Meyers, No. 664; James Ewing Davis, No. 450; George Brown, No. 4; Grant Womer, No. 825; H. T. Pemberton, No. 24.

The Grand Marshal and assistants examined the members present and reported them correct.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Master, by order of the Grand Master, then proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The Committee on Credentials presented their first, second and third reports, which were severally considered and adopted.

First report, by Bro. S. E. Erickson, of No. 479.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named brothers have presented proper credentials as Representatives to the Grand Lodge, and are entitled to receive the Grand-Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.
Anton Kremer	2
George Brown	4
James G. Neeley	16
A. C. Douglas	27
Scott Clark	28
Theo. Weberling	34
Elmer Sadler	38
F. J. Muller	43
Oliver J. Routzahn	50
H. J. Holdoway	52
William R. Martin	54
Elvin J. Harris	55
Arthur J. Newcomer	56
John Kleinschmidt	58
J. C. Perdue	64
Samuel Potter	66
William Milhouse	70
Charles E. Foster	74
W. C. Davis	75
John H. Tate	90
John T. Sutherland	100
W. F Gmahle	102
C. K. Parvin	103
George W. Gelsthorpe	104
Samuel Flickinger	112
E. S. McCrim	114
R. N. Button	116
Jacob Buhr	119
B. F. Henry	122
Alexander Allison	124
E H. Wilson	126
James Porter	128
James Larrabee	130
C. W. Shepherd	131
Henry Johnson	132
Henry Swim	133
J. M. Humphrey	138
W. M. Boutelle	142
Edward McManus	144
Frank S. Barker	146
W. H. Henn	150
J. C. Petit	151
Charles Threshie	154
Garrett Wolfe	158
F. A. Louis	161
H. D. Barrows	162
Charles Morse	164
Emil H. Adloff	166
F. A. Michaels	170
John C. DeLeon	172
R. B. Hull	174
W. J. Harrom	176

Name.	Lodge No
John A. Miles	177
Gustav Merkelbach	179
W. N. Rickard	180
John H. Glasscock	182
William M. Hale	185
C. M. Lytle	186
Ira N. Shields	188
C. P. Vansickle	192
R. H. Pilson	194
H. W. Seely	196
J. G. Cook	198
Joseph McAfee	202
J. B. Dawson	206
William C. Porter	210
J. A. Jones	212
W. S. Ervin	216
Wm. A. Oertlin	218
Joseph Trahin	220
Fred Schoell	222
Andrew H. Whitcamp	224
James P. O'Brien	230
Alexander Ingles	234
Frank G. Owen	236
E. Dinkelman	238
John W. Peavler	242
T. L. Swangren	246
G. J. Murphy	250
Thomas Richards	251
John T. Palmer	252
James G. Fawner	254
David E. Maranville	256
Edward Schreier	258
F. O. Shuman	262
C. J. Boucher	264
Michael Monical	273
John C. Wilson	274
W. T. Pierce	278
Freeman King	280
W. S. Odum	284
D. J. Harrison	288
A. T. Thompson	289
G. W. Bennett	290
Ezra T. Goble	294
Wm. Bowman	301
H. C. Peeck	302
Joseph D. Lees	304
U. S. Burky	306
J. F. Smith	310
T. B. Pile	314
John R. Smith	316
Frank Krauser	322
Philip Leiner	326
B. E. Freeman	328
Frank Strable	330
J. W. Spalding	333
J. E. Reid	334
Will O. Hatt	340
G. W. Thompson	344
L. J. Shambaugh	346
W. E. P. Anderson	350
Arthur Humphrey	354
J. C. Anderton	356
D. M. Brown	360
Henry Shoaff	362
Thomas L. Keas	366
J. W. Mullens	368
Charles Bird	370
U. Rubendall	372
C. L. Manners	374
Adam Rheingaus	376
W. L. Coates	384
R. S. Lisk	386
Oscar Meister	388
Charles Kranz	390
G. R. Fyke	394
Ferd Dyckman	398
Mart Andres	402
Isaac H. Parker	404
W. H. McElroy	408
W. E. Henry	410
Samuel Faverty	414
R. J. Neeley	416
J. C. Dunham	417
F. R. Chandler	420
F. A. Ehmer	424
John Hechtner	428
Fred Haensler	422
J. F. Hunter	434
George E Shutt	438
James R. Keel	441
John W. Davis	444
James E. Davis	450

Name.	Lodge No
C. W. Stanberry	452
Wm. F. Lehmkuhl	456
P. B. Thornton	462
John Leverett	466
John T. Hogan	472
E. R. Steele	476
Andrew Breitwieser	480
John Palmer	482
Louis Medalie	488
Z. D. Hall	490
G. O. Mitchell	502
J. W. Kiester	503
John C. Weigand	506
S. C. Agler	510
F. H. Vaughn	514
J. J. Baumgartner	516
C. G. Oleson	518
M. L. Hunt	520
Frederick Schlundt	524
H. Loveridge	526
H. A. Hudgens	528
John Beasley	534
Herbert Phillips	535
J. A. Dickinson	538
N. B. Tyler	542
John T. Dougall	544
Frank G. Gill	546
H. F. Reynolds	548
William Passent	550
John Warfield	551
G. E. Bryan	552
Frank J. Murphy	554
Ben. Hagle	556
J. B. Scudamore	558
W. H. Rush	564
Henry Moreland	568
William Spencer	570
John L. Reid	572
John A. Leonard	573
Fred Kreinbrink	574
W. M. Jones	578
Fred Mangus	584
D. M. Fullmer	588
T. J. Virgin	592
John Grandon	594
F. H. McMullen	597
John H. Deming	598
A. M. Binkley	600
J. H. Nees	604
Mark Quincer	606
Ira A. Serene	612
A. E. Peasley	616
George H. Nagel	620
Fred Deegan	621
Fred Wagner	622
M. Dickerson	628
John McCrea	629
John L. Morris	631
J. A. Kester	634
Wm. W. Kincaid	639
Simon Reitz	640
B. Hardy	641
A. G. Russell	644
J. J. Swartz	646
C. W. Weise	648
A. G. Edgington	652
R. C. Green	656
Vencel Muzik	662
C. M. Bilski	666
C. L. Farrington	668
Matt. Wright	672
R. E. Huffman	673
I. W. Lewis	676
M. H. Perkhiser	678
Rudolph Priessman	682
George E. Blodgett	686
H. S. Etnire	692
Samual Shugerman	698
Alfred Bloyd	702
J. J. Carey	706
Joseph Patterson	710
J. M. Williams	712
Thomas Terrill	714
H. L. Wilhoit	715
Lewis Pickett	716
J. W. Allison	721
William Bachmann	722
S. I. Davis	724
A. Bartholomew	726
E. W. Dickson	730
H. L. Von Lienen	736
G. F. Miller	740

Name.	Lodge No.
M. F. Pierce	743
W. C. Smith	746
James M. Endicott	748
Peter S. Spenny	752
A. L. Ham	758
R. H. Dodge	762
A. V. Pierce	768
Martin Westerlin	774
B. E. Cornwell	776
G. W. Berry	777
W. H. Smith	784
Riley Siver	786
C. H. Brown	789
J. R. Guthrie	792
W. H. Stewart	795
Geo. B. Zeigler	796
George Ledgerwood	802
J. F. Blakeslee	804
P. O. Bryant	805
Jacob Rasmussen	806
H. H. Curtis	808
William Stauffer	810
Wm. S. Hussander	812
Judson C. Shear	816
D. T. Allard	820
I. S. Mick	821
J. W. Riley	824
Francis M. Kelly	830
R. J. Wiggins	831
N. A. Frier	838
J. W. Schauer, Jr	840
G. C. Guthrie	844
J. B. Craig	846
E. M. Brubaker	850
R. W. Nichols	860
John Moroff	862
W. M. Boaz	863
Elijah Harris	866
James A. Agrue	869
W. Y. Stewart	872
Edward Hixson	873
George B. Dodds	874
James Rosa	882
T. C. Peebles	883
E. E. Burton	884
William Baugh	885
M. F. Cramer	886

SAMUEL E. ERICKSON,
W. H. HALL,
ISAAC GOLDEN.

Second report, by Bro. I. Golden. of No. 822.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows, in regard to Past Grands.

The following-named brothers have presented proper credentials, and are entitled to the Grand-Lodge Degree:

Edward Lambert, No. 6; George B. Barnes, No. 24; J. C. Neat, W. S. Roosa, No. 70; S. P. Robinson, No. 77; Isaac Feinberg, No. 109; M. B. Hartley, No. 110; Colmore Harris, Jr., D. M. Prichard, No. 161; Gottlob Schienle, No. 166; A. Hirsch, A. J. Schoen, No. 192; G. H. Enlow, No. 268: Marion Stewart, H. B. Thompson, No. 297: S. A. Thompson, No. 356; Palmer Atkins, J. K. Payton, C. E. Strong, No. 465; O. P. Rutledge, No. 483; Frank Harrison, No. 620; John A. Gaines, No. 638; Harlin Baker, No. 652; Charles F. Carter, No. 697; G. E. Goldthwaite, No. 718; Charles Van Winkle, No. 727; C. A. Dunham, No. 769; D. J. Daniels, No. 770; Wesley Brooks, No. 825.

ISAAC GOLDEN,
W. H. HALL,
SAMUEL E. ERICKSON.

Third report, by Bro. Isaac Golden, of No. 822.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named brothers have presented proper credentials as Past Grands, and are entitled to receive the Grand-Lodge Degree:

John E. Wheeler, No. 1; Joseph G. Wright, No. 3; William Todd, No. 6; William H. Ashley, No. 69; M. L. Markillie, No. 70; W. H. Frerich, No. 90; Harry Adams, No. 97; B. F. Van Patton, No. —; W. H. Peters, No. 186; John L. Coates, No. 204; Robert A. Smith, No. 214; George W. Omer, No. 215; John W. Lowe, No. 218; H. R. Rogers, No. 225; F. M. Fender, No. 246; L. A. Donnals, No. 316; Charles Benvenuto, W. P. Jones, No. 318; J. W. Linville, No. 334; John H. Fein, No. 435; E. F. Hazell, No. 465; J. S. Yates, No. 576; F. D. P. Snelling, No. 601; J. G. Willick, Jr., No. 664; D. P. Rickard, No. 741; James H. Plunkett, Anderson Turner, No. 770; J. W. Upton, No. 835; R. H. Allison, No. 852.

ISAAC GOLDEN,
SAMUEL E. ERICKSON,
W. H. HALL.

The brothers reported upon were then introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand-Lodge Degree.

The business of the special session being completed,—

On motion of Bro. H. A. Stone, P.G.M., the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die.*

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the Deputy Grand Master, by order of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge closed.

HALL OF MOKENA LODGE, NO. 34,
PERU, FRIDAY, Jan. 21, 1898—2 o'clock P. M.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS convened as above, pursuant to call of the Grand Master, for the purpose of conferring the Grand-Lodge and Past-official Degrees upon such qualified Past Grands as might apply therefor. Officers were present as follows:

C. J. LINDLY.....Grand Master.
M. P. BERRY.....Deputy G. Master.
L. L. MCKINLEY.....Grand Warden.
JAMES R. MILLER.....Grand Secretary.

and a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Master made the following *pro tem.* appointments:

P. W. Wilcox, of No. 293 ..... Grand Marshal.
Nick Sansen, of No. 34 ..... Grand Conductor.
Frank Bemiss, of No. 590 ..... Grand Guardian.

The Grand Marshal having examined the members present and reported them correct, the Grand Lodge was declared open for the transaction of business.

The Grand Master appointed as

Committee on Credentials—Theo. Weberling, No. 34; J. E. Taylor, No. 118; E. F. Hortz, No. 808.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

We, your Committee on Credentials, report the following-named brothers as being entitled to receive the Grand-Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
C. K. Carpenter	293	Jasper Cecil	118
H. H. Dicus	391	James N. Anderson	118
George Beyer	669	John J. Deininger	118
B. Yocks	669	John Weeks	118
G. N. Hinsdale	212	Charles Holmes	806
Duncan McDougall	41	Lars Madson	806
William Burgess	41	L. W. Heaton	89
H. E. Abbott	808	Thirwell Brooks	391
A. A. Flint	298	Edward F. Smith	201
Byron Ford	298	George Brodbeck	201
C. B. Chapman	41	Frank Gardner	201
F. X. Werling	34	Arthur Jordan	803
Charles Boeckling	34	A. H. Weisenberger	803
James Baker	34	Isaac Elam	803
Thomas Climo	34	S. Lunn	803
George Eichenberg	34	William Crase	101
Simon Geiger	34	James Christopher	101
Joseph Koons	34	R. M. Neustadt	101
John Leys	34	Samuel Fuge	101
Henry Merkel	34	Amos Ryan	298
Anton Meyer	34	Charles N. Nash	118
Jacob Phillips	34	Benjamin Sutcliffe	118

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
Emil Stempfel	34	George Roth	801
John Seepe	34	Joseph Weidner	411
Peter Throne	34	J. G. Reul	411
Anton Birkenbuel	34		

THEO. WEBERLING,
E. F. HORTZ,
J. E. TAYLOR.

The brothers in waiting were introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand-Lodge Degree.

On motion of Bro. Weberling, of No. 34, the Grand Lodge took recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, and no work being presented, adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in due form.

HALL OF WOODLAWN PARK LODGE, NO 825.
CHICAGO, WEDNESDAY, March 9, 1898—3 o'clock P. M.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS convened as above, pursuant to proclamation of the Grand Master, for the purpose of conferring the Grand-Lodge and Past-official Degrees upon such qualified Past Grands as might apply therefor. Officers were present as follows:

CICERO J. LINDLY.....Grand Master.
JAMES R. MILLER.....Grand Secretary.
E. H. KINNEY.....Grand Marshal.
W. H. BEAN.....Grand Guardian.

and a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Master made the following *pro tem.* appointments:

J. L BARNUM, P.G.M.....Deputy G. Master.
E. H. KINNEY, No. 726.....Grand Warden.
J. P. ELLACOTT, No. 416.....Grand Marshal.
RICHARD RANDOLPH, No. 825.....Grand Guardian.
W. H. BEAN, No. 825.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Marshal examined the brothers present and reported them correct.

The Grand Lodge was then declared open for the transaction of the business for which it was convened.

The Grand Master appointed as

Committee on Credentials—Bros. Isaac Golden, of No. 822; C. Ripley Tuttle, of No. 601; James K. Felt, of No. 113.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named brothers have presented proper credentials as Past Grands, and are entitled to the Grand-Lodge Degree.

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
Fred Gale	9	Ferdinand Brosch	477
C. A. Lewis	9	Frank I. Ellerton	525
S. F. Clark	30	B. A. Wester	544
J. E. Gardner	80	Ben. G. Green	601
D. H. Kinney	113	C. J. Ford	601
Charles M. Lea	147	C. W. Callender	601
J. G. Cook	198	L. J. Schlereth	716
Max Raddatz	271	H. Franze	756
W. J. Ogden	288	E. Franke	756
Niel Manson	288	J. R. Holton	817
Aug. Berry	288	L. E Cargill	825
W. O. Fish	288	Grant Womer	825
R. E. Gregory	288	Hart E. Chapman	825
D. Munn	299	W. H. Teetzel	825
Charles A. Dewey	447	George H. Spansail	825
Kenneth Monroe	450	Charles G. Everton	829
James E. Davis	450	C. W. Singer	878

ISAAC GOLDEN,
C. RIPLEY TUTTLE,
JAMES K. FELT.

The brothers named, being in waiting, were introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand-Lodge Degree.

No further business appearing,—

The Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet in the Hall of Englewood Hill Lodge, No. 822, Friday, 11th inst., at 2:30 o'clock P. M., and was closed in due form.

HALL OF ENGLEWOOD HILL LODGE, NO. 822,
CHICAGO, FRIDAY, March 11, 1898—2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge met in special session, pursuant to adjournment. Officers were present as follows:

CICERO J. LINDLY.....Grand Master.
JAMES R. MILLER.....Grand Secretary.
REV. J. A. LUCAS.....Grand Chaplain.
E. H. KINNEY.....Grand Marshal.

and a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Master made *pro tem.* appointments as follows:

HENRY PHILLIPS, P.G.M.....Deputy G. Master.
E. H. KINNEY, No. 726.....Grand Warden.
J. P. ELLACOTT, No. 416.....Grand Marshal.
JOSEPH DOUTHIT, No. 639.....Grand Guardian.
BEN. F. REYNOLDS, No. 822.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Marshal examined the brothers present and reported them correct.

The Grand Lodge was then declared open for the transaction of the business for which it was convened.

The Grand Master appointed as

Committee on Credentials—Bros. J. Frank Mariner, No. 525; George F. Cecil, No. 450; James K. Felt, No. 113.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that we have examined the credentials of the following-named Past Grands, find them correct, and recommend that the brothers receive the Grand-Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
Gust. Johnson	42	George L. Beebe	447
E. A. Keate	42	Ira C. Shellenberger	450
C. B. Yetter	42	William E. Johnson	450
W. P. Coombs	42	George Crane	450
George T. Atkinson	198	J. C. Weigand	506
Andrew Walls	240	Joseph L. Hess	509
D. Blish	240	Warren Shutts	517
George H. Calloway	240	A. N. Hooker	517
Emil Boehm	353	Hugh Stowe	517

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
Charles Sanez	353	E. M. Wierman	639
Frank Kandler	353	C. M. Bilski	666
Wm. Pfister	353	Charles Freese	666
John V. Liden	361	C. W. McCracken	745
Peter Bowman	361	C. S. Morrison	745
Gust. Olson	361	A. Lattmann	756
David Coey, Jr	447	James Innis	760
A. Murry	447	H. R. Currier	760
Warner Burton	447	A. B. Orendorff	782
Thomas W. Haight	447	George Harris	782
John B. Joslyn	525	A. V. Fitzgerald	822
Aaron Kenauer	525	O. C. Hughes	822
William Hamilton	525	George E. Storms	858
William Watson	525	T. G. Burton	858
C. E. Dirzin	584		

Henry Culver, of Lodge No. 62, Ohio.
George F. Leonard, of Lodge No. 103, Wisconsin.
C. C. Spearse, of Lodge No. 290, Michigan.

J. Frank Mariner,
G. F. Cecil,
J. K. Felt;
Committee.

The brothers named were then introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand-Lodge Degree.

No further business appearing,—

On motion of Bro. Ellacott, of No. 416, the special session adjourned, to meet in the Hall of I Will Lodge, No. 141, Tuesday, 15th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., and was closed in due form.

Hall of I Will Lodge, No. 141,
Chicago, Tuesday, March 15, 1898—3 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge met in special session, pursuant to adjournment. Officers were present as follows:

Cicero J. Lindly ..... Grand Master.
M. P. Berry ..... Deputy G. Master.
James R. Miller ..... Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. A. Lucas ..... Grand Chaplain.

and a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Master made the following *pro tem.* appointments:

FERD BROSCH, No. 477.....Deputy G. Master.
M. P. BERRY, No. 412.....Grand Warden.
J. P. ELLACOTT, No. 416.....Grand Marshal.
C. P. DAMM, No. 261.....Grand Conductor.
JOSEPH DOUTHIT, No. 639.....Grand Guardian.
CHARLES R. TUTTLE, No. 601.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Marshal examined the brothers present and reported them correct.

The Grand Lodge was then declared open for the business for which it was convened.

The Grand Master appointed as

Committee on Credentials--Bros. George M. Harper, No. 362; T. B. Blair, No. 362; G. F. Blesch, No. 402.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following-named Past Grands have presented proper credentials showing that they are entitled to receive the Grand-Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
William Lees	8	Henry A. Peterson	328
E. A. Palmer	42	C. Reynolds	328
M. Van Gilder	141	W. C. Stafford	328
William M. Hill	141	F. Meyer	388
T. L. Swangren	246	John H. Lee	416
John G. Carson	246	John E. Dougall	544
L. Kuhn, Jr	246	Henry Holst	639

J. W. Parker, of Lodge No. 60, South Dakota.

Respectfully submitted. GEO. M. HARPER,
T. B. BLAIR,
G. F. BLESCH,
Committee.

The brothers named were then introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand-Lodge Degree.

The business for which the special session was called being completed,—

On motion of Bro. Ellacott, of No. 416, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in due form.

HALL OF CLARK LODGE, NO. 3,
GREENVILLE, TUESDAY, April 26, 1898—11 o'clock A. M.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS convened as above in special session, upon call of the Grand Master, for the purpose of receiving and passing upon credentials and conferring the Grand-Lodge and Past-official Degrees upon qualified brothers applying therefor—Grand Master CICERO J. LINDLY in the chair, and a quorum of Past Grands being present.

The Grand Master appointed officers *pro tem.* as follows:

ALFRED ORENDORFF, P.G.M. ..... Deputy G. Master.
ALBERT L. BONE, No. 3 ..... Grand Warden.
ROBERT K. DEWEY, P.G.W. ..... Grand Secretary.
W. D. EASLEY, No. 3 ..... Grand Marshal.
D. W. FERRIS, No. — ..... Grand Guardian.
W. D. ZIMMERMAN, No. 3 ..... Grand Herald.

The Grand Marshal examined the brothers present and reported all correct.

The Grand Lodge was then regularly opened, and proceeded to the business for which it was called together.

The Grand Master appointed as

Committee on Credentials—Alfred Orendorff, P.G.M.; J. F. Boughman, of No. 3; Joseph Wall, of No. 547.

In due time the committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials have examined the certificates referred to them, and find the brothers named to be Past Grands, and entitled to receive the Grand-Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
John Dagon	3	Robert Hunter	177
J. A. Scott	3	J. C. Williams	177
J. W. Kingon	3	L. E. Mitchell	562
W. E. Davis	3	Thomas O'Neil	592
G. L. Loggins	3	L. G. Price	735
L. E. Bennett	3	C. E. Simmons	775
C. D. Hoiles	3	D. F. Titus	775
C. W. Watson	3	Edward Widdowfield	775

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
Cicero Ogle	43	John B. Segraves	775
Charles Gumbel	71	J. H. Allis	775
W. J. Warner	108	H. C. Coker	879
S. T. Bradley	177		

Respectfully submitted. ALFRED ORENDORFF,
J. F. BOUGHMAN,
JOSEPH WALL,
Committee.

The brothers named were then introduced, duly obligated, and instructed in the Grand-Lodge Degree—R. K. Dewey, Past Grand Warden, giving the instructions.

There being no further business,—

The special session was adjourned *sine die*, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

R K. DEWEY,
Grand Secretary *pro tem.*

HALL OF TREASURY LODGE, No. 237.
RANTOUL, THURSDAY, May 2, 1898—2 o'clock P. M.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS convened as above, pursuant to proclamation of the Grand Master, for the purpose of conferring the Grand-Lodge and Past-official Degrees upon such qualified Past Grands as might apply therefor. Officers were present as follows:

CICERO J. LINDLY ... Grand Master.
JAMES R. MILLER ... Grand Secretary.

and a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Master made the following *pro tem.* appointments:

A. FUNKHOUSER, No. 237 ... Deputy G. Master.
J. W. SPALDING, No. 333 ... Grand Warden.
JOHN MINER, No. 358 ... Grand Marshal.
FRED SPURLING, No. 794 ... Grand Guardian.
THEO. SIEGEL, No. 549 ... Grand Herald.

The Grand Marshal having examined the brothers present and reported all correct, the Grand Lodge was declared open for the transaction of the business for which it was called together.

The Grand Master appointed as

Committee on Credentials—J. W. Spalding, No. 333; John M. Miner, No. 358; T. W. Lepper, No. 237.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report, as follows, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following-named Past Grands entitled to the Grand-Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No	Name.	Lodge No.
L. A. Smyers	237	A. A. Armes	237
B. R. Hammer	794	John Boten	237
J. H. Jones	237	E. Hewett	237
P. W. Sands	237	O. Nordenberg	794
A. P. Johnson	237	W. H. Jimison	208
J. D. Brown	237	J. W. Hampton	593
C. W. Smith	853	Jay Fry	237
W. E. Pilkenton	111	Edward Pond	237
O. D. Brownell	333	William Moore	418
E. W. Phillips	333	C. W. Ellis	278
Scott Jackson	333	George Milne	278
Dan Strawser	853	E. R. Hamm	794
Stanton Foster	853	Gust Johnson	418
A. J. Platt	43		

J. W. Spalding,
J. M. Miner,
T. W. Lepper,
Committee.

The brothers named were then introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand-Lodge Degree.

No further business appearing, the special session of the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*, and was closed in due form.

HALL OF BENTLEY LODGE, NO. 412,
CARTHAGE, MONDAY, May 2, 1898—2 o'clock P. M.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS convened as above, pursuant to proclamation of the Grand Master, for the purpose of conferring the Grand-Lodge and Past-official Degrees upon such qualified Past Grands as might apply therefor. Officers were present as follows:

CICERO J. LINDLY.....Grand Master.
M. P. BERRY.....Deputy G. Master.
JAMES R. MILLER.....Grand Secretary.
E. H. KINNEY.....Grand Marshal.

and a quorum of Past Grands.

The Grand Master made the following *pro tem.* appointments:

E. H. KINNEY, No. 726.....Grand Warden.
LEWIS HEROLD, No. 697.....Grand Marshal.
GEORGE NORRIS, No. 864.....Grand Guardian.
D. N. MARKILLIE, No. 682.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Marshal examined the members present and reported them correct, after which the Grand Lodge was declared open for the transaction of business.

The Grand Master appointed as

Committee on Credentials—Duane Pennock, No. 412; Geo. Norris, No. 864; A. E. Peasley, No. 616.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report, as follows, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows: We have examined the certificates of the following-named Past Grands, and find them correct, and that the brothers are entitled to receive the Grand-Lodge Degree:

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
J. C. Herron	864	M. C. Varnier	127
G. F. Warner	864	J. A. Mitchell	127
W. R. Harris	864	F. Woodruff	127
L. L. Crossland	864	G. C. Guthrie	844
H. B. Nash	864	I. G. Corbin	844
Rudolph Priessman	682	John W. Lowrey	674
Milo Thompson	682	J. G. Bird	412

Name.	Lodge No.	Name.	Lodge No.
R. W. Saer	412	C. E. Hooker	412
Fred Reyer	412	John F. Tanner	674
T. C. Miller	412	G. M. Turley	412
J. F. Kerr	412	John T. Hudson	222
E. P. Cutler	412	Fred Schoell	222
F. W. Biggs	412	Chas. Mulch	222
J. R. Cravens	412	A. R. Underhill	714
N. J. Helfrich	412	Christian Palmer	222

DUANE PENNOCK,
GEORGE NORRIS,
A. E. PEASLEY,
Committee.

The brothers named were then introduced, obligated, and instructed in the Grand-Lodge Degree.

No further business appearing,—

The special session was adjourned *sine die*, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Jas. R. Miller

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE ROLL OF HONOR.

Office of CICERO J. LINDLY, Grand Master.
GREENVILLE, ILLINOIS, Nov. 15, 1898.

The following is an Alphabetical List of the names of brothers who have presented applicants for initiation in their respective Lodges, together with the number presented by each:

E. J. Brooks, of South Englewood Lodge, No 448, stands first, with 12 names.
Isaac Golden, of Englewood Hill, No. 822, stands second, with 11 names.

Name.		Lodge.
A		
Almy, L. C	1	Adelphi, 8
Ayers, A	1	Salem, 123
Atkinson, G. T	1	Colfax, 198
Anderson, J. M	1	Cambridge, 199
Anderson, Jas	1	Grove, 257
Arrrowsmith, H. P.	1	Gibson, 542
Ashley, Chas	1	Gibson, 542
Anderson, A. T	3	Herscher, 612
Atherton, T. P	1	Lafayette, 657
Atherton, Allen	1	Lafayette, 657
Acton, W. A	1	Pullman, 716
Ashcroft, Wm	1	Hyde Park, 722
Asquith, Geo	1	Good Faith, 752
Anderson, Alfred	1	Three Link, 812
Adams, C. W	1	Kenney, 557
Allen, J. H	3	Abou Ben Adhem, 148
B		
Bardsly, Geo	1	Illini, 4
Booth, F. B	1	Adelphi, 8
Boller, G. N	1	Adelphi, 8
Boyle, Martin	1	Columbia, 21
Berry, A. M	1	Berry, 26
Bellett, J. N	1	Winnebago, 31
Brazena, John	3	Covenant, 48
Bauer, Jacob H	1	Decatur, 65
Bright, Thos. C	1	Decatur, 65
Buchanan, E. V	1	Waverly, 93
Barden, H. L	1	Oregon, 94
Bigge, H. E	1	Moline, 133
Bickhaus	1	Teutonia, 166
Bennett, H	1	Colfax, 198
Black, D. E	2	Litchfield, 202
Bartlett, C. N	1	Grove, 257
Boyer, G. R	1	Blue Island, 327
Blaha, M. V	1	Nonpareil, 331
Brown, Wm. J	1	Edina, 391
Bell, Robert	1	Edina, 391
Benney, Edward	1	Edina, 391
Beyerlien, H	1	Hutten, 398
Brook, B. J	12	S. Englewood, 448
Becker, Herman	4	Model, 457
Blackwell, H. E	1	Helvetia, 480
Bishop, John W	1	Heyworth 483
Bice, A. L	1	Industrial, 550
Bible, J. C	1	Louisville, 556
Brenner, I	1	Althea, 619
Baker, J. H	1	Lafayette, 657
Butterworth, Wm	1	J. G. Whittier, 666
Bunting, Arthur	1	J. G. Whittier, 666
B		
Barker, A. B	2	Staunton, 685
Bell, R. C	1	S. Chicago, 696
Brown, C. A	1	Pullman, 716
Bigelow, E. F	2	Pullman, 716
Buchhelz, John	1	Deering, 717
Blair, C. F	1	Rock City, 718
Bradley, D. W	1	Rock City, 718
Bowman, Henry	1	Bethalto, 735
Butt, M. C	1	Cheneyville, 796
Berggren, C. J. O	1	Three Links, 812
Band, J	1	Mill Shoals, 835
Bartholomew, A. H.	1	Bowen, 864
Brooks, Weeley	3	Woodlawn Park, 825
Bean, W. H	1	Woodlawn Park, 825
Brown, Jas. T	1	White City, 878
Bruner, M. W	1	Electric, 868
Bront, W. W	3	Columbian, 733
C		
Clemow, G. D	2	Columbia, 21
Cassius, Wm	1	Columbia, 21
Carbine, T	1	Excelsior, 22
Corbridge, Clay	1	Friendship, 24
Craig, John	1	Powhan, 29
Clinton, Mart	1	Nashville, 37
Cochran, M	2	Madison, 43
Crispin, G. B	1	Kickapoo, 90
Conley, J. E	1	Kickapoo, 90
Cady, E. C	2	America, 107
Christenson	1	Salem, 123
Casteel, H. Don	4	I Will, 141
Campbell, A. J	1	Beaucoup, 159
Christensen, F. C	5	Savanna, 164
Connell, A. W	1	Geneseo, 172
Clay, Seth	1	Cambridge, 199
Cotrell, Chas	1	Pontiac, 262
Colbert, W. G	6	Shelby 274
Culley, Harvey	1	Congress, 362
Culley, William	1	Congress, 362
Coulton, D. D	2	S. Englewood, 448
Cox, E. L	1	Manufacturers, 485
Cornlers, J. W	1	Washburn, 546
Case, M. J	1	Louisville, 556
Carpenter, J. T	1	Oakwood, 564
Collings, G. W	6	Centennial, 603
Carr, J. L	1	Timothy, 604
Cooper, David	1	Brighton Park, 639
Callies, C. C	1	Basco, 682
Cheyne, R. F	1	Pullman, 716
Culver, Henry	1	Deering, 717

Name.		Lodge.
C		
Conley, John	1	Rock City, 718
Connelly, G. W	1	Hume, 725
Cahoon, Joel	1	South Star, 732
Closser, D. C	2	Casey, 747
Carpenter, Pearl	2	Kinderhook, 757
Carl, Eli	1	Cheneyville, 796
Carlson, John	3	Three Links, 812
Carson, E. F	1	Three Links, 812
Cachennaur	1	Granite City, 852
Cothren, Wm	2	Granite City, 852
Crosshead, L. S	2	Bowen, 864
Chase, F. A	1	Woodlawn Park, 825
Carlson, J. A	5	Electric, 368
Coppenberg, W. A	2	Kenney, 557
Christensen, Fred	3	Savanna, 164
D		
Davis, John R	1	Illini, 4
Dickerson, Geo. W	1	Marion, 13
Didsen, S. G	1	Marion, 13
Dawson, G. H	2	Winnebago, 31
Davis, John W	1	Pearl, 125
Duncan, T. G	1	Amity, 132
Dunstan, Ed. L	1	I Will, 141
Deanor, Dave	1	Marengo, 175
Dixon, J. N	2	Yates City, 370
Darling, J. M	2	J. Ward Ellis, 447
Dumeth, G. O	2	Piper, 471
Drits, Albert	1	Helvetia, 480
Duglar, C. H	1	Catlin, 538
Delap, D. A	2	Dexter, 568
Denton, D. H	1	Kent, 689
Darrow, J.	1	Pullman, 716
Duffey, W. H	1	Bethalto, 735
DeLaix, Frank	2	Three Links, 812
Drice, Nicholas	1	Ben Hur, 870
Dagen, John	5	Clark, 3
Davis, W. E	1	Clark, 3
E		
Eckel, W. H	1	Berry, 26
Earlandson, J. C	2	Winnebago, 31
Etter, O. M	3	Cambridge, 199
Evans, John W	3	Ridgely, 259
Eagleton, C. M	1	Champaigm, 333
Eikes, E	1	Mozart, 345
Elias, Gro	1	Edina, 391
Etherton, W. J	1	Apollo, 405
Earl, J. H	1	Piper, 471
Evans, N	1	Grateful, 559
Erclunam, John	1	John G. Potts, 561
Evans, R. C	1	Saunemin, 728
Emerick, J. T	2	Casey, 747
Evans, R. S	1	Cheneyville, 796
Eiberg, E. G	1	Three Links, 812
F		
Farmer, F. P	1	Marion, 13
Foster, S	1	Marion, 13
Fisher, F. L.	1	Covenant, 48
Fribourg, L. W	1	Decatur, 65
Fell, S. S	1	Remembrance, 77
Fraser, Robt	1	Waverly, 93
Fuller, W. S	1	Galesburg, 142
Fowler, Seth	1	Savanna, 164
Funk, A. A	1	Cambridge, 199
Funkhouser, A	6	Treasury, 237
Forbes, Geo	1	Manufacturers, 485
Finkelstein, Wm	3	South Park, 488
France, H. S	1	Pellsville, 565
Frank, F. A	1	Roodhouse, 681
Fay, B. A	2	Kent, 689
Frane, Thos	1	Pullman, 716
Fitzwater, J. W	1	Deland, 740
Finch, Geo. A	2	Hebron, 767

Name.		Lodge.
F		
Fletcher, L. M	1	St. Anne, 820
Fireman, I	2	Englewood Hill, 822
Fosseick, H	2	Granity City, 852
Fellows, F. B	1	Woodlawn Park, 825
G		
Goodrick, J. M	1	Illini, 4
Gibson, C. H	1	Adelphi, 8
Grant, M	1	Decatur, 65
Gerard, D. J	1	Kickapoo, 90
Green, Cal	1	Okaw, 117
Gelder, M. Van	1	I Will, 141
Gottschalk, C.	1	Galesburg, 142
Gechwinder, Ed	2	Unity, 310
Graffy, I	1	Hutten, 398
Grossman, R	1	South Park, 488
Golding, D	1	South Park, 488
Gardan, B	1	Silver Link, 521
Gurney, S. D	2	Marblehead, 535
Good, C. A	1	Pellsville, 565
Gilbert, L. A	1	Deering, 717
Grassle, E. J	1	Hyde Park, 722
Goinran, T. F	2	Ashmore, 792
Golden, Isaac	11	Englewood Hill, 822
Gordon, L	1	Bradley, 862
Greenaway, J. W	1	Ben Hur, 870
Green, C. H	1	Congress, 362
H		
Hicks, W. J	2	Marion, 13
Hessinger, James	1	Nashville, 37
Hartman, Geo	1	Remembrance, 77
Hamilton, A. L	1	Waverly, 93
Heinest, J. A	1	Oregon, 94
Hurley, R. B	1	Oregon, 94
Holzworth, Chas	1	Oregon, 94
Hearner, B	1	Pearl, 125
Humphrey	1	Galesburg, 142
Hamin, P. J. O	1	Beaucoup, 159
Hoeg, Peter J	1	Marengo, 175
Hanke, E	5	Harmonia, 221
Heinze, W. J	1	Harmonia, 221
Hilfinger, A. F	1	Harmonia, 221
Havlieck, Frank	1	Praha, 231
Hudic, Fr	1	Praha, 231
Harrison, D. J	1	Jackson Park, 288
Howard, Chas	2	Guiding Star, 319
Hester, L	1	Manufacturers, 485
Hoffman, J. A	1	Grateful, 559
Holden, L. S	2	Monmouth, 577
Hedricks, J. P	1	Loraine, 641
Hartman, W. A	1	Loraine, 641
Hudson, W	1	Loraine, 641
Hedner, J. P	1	Loraine, 641
Hess, Carl	2	J. G. Whittier, 666
Halquist, A	1	South Chicago, 696
Halley, S. J	1	South Chicago, 696
Hazzard, Jos	1	South Chicago, 696
Heller, Newton	1	Table Grove, 726
Hawthorne, Ed	1	Hebron, 767
Herrick, E. L	2	Hebron, 767
Hansen, H. C	1	Keystone, 806
Holingren, J. H	1	Three Links, 812
Hazen, J. R	1	Yantisville, 823
Hoford, Jas	1	Yorkville, 839
Herron, J. C	1	Bowen, 864
Hayden, Cass	1	Grant Park, 867
Hixson, Ed	1	Lincoln Park, 873
Hillison, Robt	1	Jas. A. Garfield, 698
Hanna, H. W	1	Electric, 868
Henderson, Lewis	1	Kenney, 557
Houser, A. M	1	Peabody, 613
Hill, Uriah	2	Lincoln, 204.
I		
Isaacs, D. P	1	Globe, 323

Name.		Lodge.
J		
John, F. O.	1	Salem, 123
Jones, Henry	1	Moline, 133
Jackson, Chas.	2	DeKalb, 155
Johnson, J. T.	1	Jackson Park, 288
Jaco, Thomas	1	Monpareil, 331
Johnson, J. F.	1	Owaneco, 7 9
Jackson, C. J.	2	Iron Link, 751
Jones, V. F.	7	Three Links, 812
Johnson, F. K.	1	Three Links, 812
Johnson, N. J.	1	Three Links, 812
K		
Kerr, R. J.	1	Friendship, 24
Kleinsner, Jas.	6	Madison, 43
Kingsley, Theo.	1	Covenant, 48
Kitchen, Thos C	1	Decatur, 65
Kelley, John	1	Oregon, 94
Konald, John	1	America, 107
Kneese, Wm.	1	Moline, 133
Kerwin, Wm. F.	1	Beaucoup, 159
Kay, Jas	1	Geneseo 172
Kellor, Fred	1	Helvetia, 481
King, Wm.	1	Washburn, 546
Kern, Wm. G.	1	John G. Potts, 561
Kellogg, C E.	1	John G Potts, 561
Kean, Nathan	1	Monmouth, 577
Koepke, W. H.	2	Peabody, 613
Kendall, Geo	1	Westville, 661
Kessler, J A.	1	White Oak, 667
Kennedy, J. W.	1	South Chicago, 696
Kenney, W J.	3	South Chicago, 696
Krout, J. W.	1	South Chicago, 696
Kortman, C. L.	1	Pullman, 716
Kemp, J H.	3	Saunemin, 7 8
Kennedy, E. S.	1	Saunemin, 723
Kelsey, [illegible]	2	Grant Park, 867
Kallgren, John	1	Grant Park, 867
Kungon, J. W.	3	Clark, 3
Kufer, W. C	1	Woodlawn Park, 825
Krating, E. C.	1	Woodlawn Park, 825
L		
Lawrence, A. C.	1	Winnebago, 31
Linderra, Richard	2	Chicago, 55
Lindesse, W. H.	1	Chicago, 55
Love, Thos G	2	Wheeler, 130
Lemarshall, Aug.	2	Amity, 132
Law, Henry	1	Moline, 133
Lemar, M C.	1	Beaucoup, 159
Lemon, E P	1	Globe, 323
Lyle, Chas	1	Greenwood, 421
Lamon, J. M.	1	Manufacturers, 485
Lattman, A. G. R	1	Peabody, 613
Lee, H. A	7	Alth a, 619
Leister, Jas.	1	Westville, 661
Lawton, A. E.	1	Owaneco, 7 9
Leach, J E	1	Chineyville, 796
Lundin, Geo.	1	Three Links, 812
La Roche, E.	2	Englewood, 858
Leone, Morris.	1	Jas. A. Garfield, 698
Levinky, Isaac	1	Jas. A. Garfield, 698
Luetke, R. A.	1	Avondale, 871
Lindsay, G. W.	1	Woodlawn Park, 825
Leigh, August	1	Boone, 832
M.		
Mohanse, Aug.	1	Nashville, 37
Monrodus, J. W.	2	Nashville, 37
Moore, Albert	1	Kickapoo, 90
Mock, T. W	1	Kickapoo, 90
Marshall, W. H.	1	Oregon, 94
Morphew, E. A.	1	Salem, 123
Morgan, Frank	1	Martinsville, 134
McIlenry, Ben F.	1	Geneseo, 172
McMasters, T. H.	1	Colfax, 198
M		
Miller, Geo	1	Blue Island, 327
Murphy, P. T.	1	Piper, 471
Margraf, M.	2	South Park, 488
Morningstar, D. F.	2	Roseville, 537
McWhinney, John	2	Washburn, 546
Miller, H H.	1	White Oak, 6 7
Mason, Wm	1	S. Chicago, 696
Marquise, H C	1	Deland, 740
Miller, G F	1	Deland, 740
Miller, D B.	1	Casey, 747
Maricle, W	1	Mill Shoals, 835
Morgan, Ivy	1	Mill Shoals, 835
Miller, Aug	2	Granite City, 852
Mattir, H. J	1	Ben Hur, 870
Marshall, G W	2	Clark, 3
Mullen, B A.	1	Staunton, 685
Marsh, D. J.	2	Electric, 868
Miller, W. T.	1	Pearl, 125
N		
Noudett, Herman	1	Illini, 4
Nells, Ellsworth	2	Illini, 4
Nelson, A V.	2	Marion, 13
Nax, C W.	6	Nashville, 37
Newman, G. W	1	Kickapoo, 90
Noll, Theo	1	Teutonia, 166
Newton, Christy	1	Richland, 180
Neff, D C.	1	Bushnell, 322
Norris, Jas	1	Blue Island, 327
Nelson, F. O.	1	Nonpareil, 331
Newton, J. R	1	Manufacturers, 485
Neal, Jos.	1	Loraine, 641
Nicholson	2	Mill Shoals, 835
Neunreter, Geo	1	Granite City, 852
Nash, G. W	1	Bowen, 864
Nutt, W. T	1	Mendon, 877
Nathan, F. C.	3	Woodlawn Park, 825
O		
Otley, Samuel	1	Wicker Park, 281
Owens, Z B.	1	Bethalto, 735
Olise, Geo.	1	Yorkville, 839
Olson, Frank W.	1	Three Links, 812
P		
Plenty, Wm.	1	Olive Branch, 15
Pemberton, H. T.	2	Friendship, 24
Phillips, D P.	1	I Will, 141
Persons, P. E.	1	Colfax, 198
Palmer D. L.	1	Grove, 257
Phillipson, A. M.	1	Shelby, 274
Pryce, J J.	1	Coal Valley, 304
Parks, R H.	1	Minonk, 377
Plimmer, Benj	1	J. Ward Ellis, 447
Primmer, Fred	1	Mahomet, 539
Pemberton, John	1	Industrial, 550
Panent, Wm	1	Industrial, 550
Pate, T. A.	1	Grateful, 559
Pendergast, A. L.	1	Althea, 619
Parks, Joseph	1	Evanston, 673
Preston, E. L.	2	Kent, 689
Putman, R M.	1	Palatine 708
Putman, W A.	1	Palatine, 708
Pickett, Lewis	1	Pullman, 716
Phillips, Wm.	1	Deering, 717
Perl, Hugo	1	Koerner, 756
Peterson, M.	1	Three Links, 812
Pilo, A. O	1	Three Links, 812
Parquist, A	1	Three Links, 812
Propeck, Wm.	1	Yantisville, 823
Pierce, Wm	1	Granite City, 852
Page, R. P.	1	Englewood, 858
Q		
Quinn, Wm. M	1	White City, 878
Quackenlensk, J. J.	1	Woodlawn Park, 825

Name.		Lodge.
R		
Rapp, M. D.	1	Illini, 4
Rapp, T. H	3	Illini, 4
Roller, J. W.	1	Olive Branch, 15
Roberts, R. G.	1	American, 107
Richardson	1	Richland, 180
Robertson, C. W.	1	Abingdon, 184
Reis, W. A.	1	Colfax, 198
Roberts, M. B.	1	Fraternity, 203
Roberts, J. V.	1	Iris, 267
Riggs, J. H.	2	Mason City, 337
Rumry, W. L.	1	Congress, 362
Robb, Hugh	1	Heyworth, 483
Ringle, J. F	1	Nebo, 427
Robinson, Samuel	1	Pride of the V, 435
Roberts, R J	1	S. Englewood, 448
Robertshaw, C. J	1	Heyworth, 483
Rutledge, Lee	1	Heyworth, 483
Robb, H. L	2	Heyworth, 483
Ruben, L.	1	Silver Link, 521
Record, S. T	1	Grateful, 559
Rowley, J. W.	1	Bluff, 605
Robinson, Geo.	1	Althea, 619
Richardson, Carl	1	Althea, 619
Roches, Geo	1	J. G. Whittier, 666
Roodhouse, W. C.	2	Roodhouse, 681
Rysden, J. S.	1	Englewood, 858
Rhind, H. W.	1	Grant Park, 867
Reisinger, S. D	1	Ben Hur, 870
Rowbotham, Thos.	1	Mendon, 877
Robertson, W. B.	1	New Berlin, 881
Rice, D L	2	Electric, 868
Randolph, D. E.	3	Kenney, 557
S		
Stimpson, J. N.	4	Illini, 4
Stafford, J. S	4	Coal Valley, 304
Swanson, Chas.	3	Three Links, 812
Sopher, Frank	3	South Chicago, 696
Schlereth, L. J	3	Pullman, 715
Stoekel, H.	2	Chicago, 55
Streiber, Chas.	2	Harmonia, 221
Sepner, M.	2	Monmouth, 577
Sadler, W. L.	2	Althea, 619
Shears, W. F	2	Westville, 661
Sheahan, J. F.	1	Olive Branch, 15
Schun, Chas.	1	Olive Branch, 15
Schwenti, Fred	1	Berry, 26
Shingler, Jas.	1	Powhan, 29
Stevens, S. L.	1	Remembrance, 77
Smith, W. F.	1	Tonnaiuka, 89
Smith, J. P.	1	Oregon, 94
Saineson, Samuel	1	Salem, 123
Sturbenze, John	1	DeKalb, 155
Sterling, Robert	1	Beaucoup, 159
Scott, J. H.	1	Colfax, 198
Stahl. Aug F.	1	Harmonia, 221
Smith, W. L.	1	Grove, 257
Shoaf, Henry	1	Congress, 362
Signer, F. G.	1	Tonica, 298
Swancutt, Samuel	1	Enterprise, 369
Stevens, Allen	1	Apollo, 405
Suman, C. W.	1	Manufacturers, 485
Salonian, Jos.	1	South Park, 488
Sackriter, Geo.	1	Mahomet, 529
Sangbush, Aug.	1	Washburn, 546
Smith, Geo. T.	1	Industrial, 550
Stevens, E. W.	1	Monmouth, 577
Stunwyk, John	1	Monmouth, 577
Smith Chas.	1	Grateful, 559
Swanson, Robert	1	Althea, 619
Snyder, J. P.	1	Althea, 619
Sidenies, G. G.	1	Althea, 619
Shriver, S A	1	Loraine, 641
Smith, Ed.	1	Woodland, 549
Strong, W. W.	1	Evanston, 673
Shattuck, H. C.	1	Kent, 689

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Name.		Lodge.
S		
Swing, Geo.	1	Pullman, 716
Smith, R. M.	1	Venice, 719
Schlosser, W. T.	1	Saunemin, 728
Smith, Martin	1	Saunemin, 728
Starkey, Frank	1	Bethalto, 735
Schwein, Aug.	1	Koerner, 756
Seeper, J	1	Keystone, 806
Strand, F. O	1	Three Links, 812
Schultz, Paul E.	1	Lincoln Park 873
Smith, Jas.	1	Jas. A. Garfield, 698
Scott, J. A.	1	Clark, 3
Strebel, Henry	1	Three Links, 812
Springer, H. J	1	Woodlawn Park, 825
Sumerry, Wm	1	Woodlawn Park, 825
T		
Trunk, Wm.	2	Columbia, 21
Tuttle, C. Ripley	1	Excelsior, 22
Trommel, F. T.	1	Kickapoo, 90
Tate, J H.	1	Kickapoo, 90
Turner, Jas. W.	1	Suburban, 110
Thedford, J. N.	1	Amity, 132
Trost, Chas.	1	Teutonia, 166
Turner, C. M	1	Cambridge, 199
Thiel, L. A.	1	Harmonia, 221
Taylor, Z. T.	1	Elkhart, 307
Thompson, R. B.	2	Apollo, 405
Tudor, Geo.	1	Pride of the V'y, 435
Trees, Henry	1	Springfield, 465
Terpering, T. H.	1	Catlin, 538
Troutman, F. N.	1	Charleston, 609
Turner, W. J	4	Althea, 619
Thritten, A. J.	1	Loraine, 641
Tennis, Grant	1	Westville, 661
Turner, Geo.	1	Pullman, 716
Thompson, Jas.	1	Rock City, 718
Toley, P. G	1	Venice, 719
Taylor, C. D.	1	Good Faith, 752
Tyrell, Ed.	1	Ashmore, 792
Tanqnary, C. W.	1	Englewood, 858
Tesch, Ernest	1	Lincoln Park, 873
Toone, F. P.	1	Avondale, 871
Tungermon, Jacob	1	Avondale, 871
Turner, C. L.	1	Kenney, 557
U		
Ulrich, C. A.	1	Avondale, 871
V		
Valentine, L. H.	1	Oregon, 94
W		
Werdebaugh, T. T.	1	Olive Branch, 15
Waldoff, G. M.	1	Olive Branch, 15
Wood, John W.	1	Edgar, 91
Watton, G. D.	2	Okaw, 117
Walters, W. A.	1	Geneseo, 172
Ward, John	1	Marengo, 175
Wolfe, Fred	1	Liberty, 387
Wingate, L. A.	1	Blue Island, 327
Williamson, John	1	Imperial, 335
Wilmert, F. C.	1	Mozart, 345
Witters, B. F.	1	Golden Rule, 374
Westwood, J. G.	1	Edina, 391
Wiln, W	3	Hutten, 398
Wilson, Jonah	1	J. Ward Ellis, 447
Wolf, Jos.	1	South Park, 488
Williamson, M.	1	Catlin, 538
Winneteer, Geo. H.	1	Washburn, 546
Walwark, R.	1	Ava, 672
Wright, Matt	1	Ava, 672
Walker, W. C.	1	Staunton, 685
Wilker, W. B	1	Venice, 719
Whitehead, Chas. C.	1	Venice, 719
Weaver, Jas. K. C.	1	Arthur, 742

Name.		Lodge.
W		
Weinike, E. M.	1	Koerner, 756
Wilkins, F. L.	1	St. Anne, 820
Wiles, Chas.	1	Yorkville, 839
White, Wm	1	Granite City, 852
Willard, J. V.	2	Bowen, 864
Winchell, A. P.	1	Ben Hur, 870
Wandtke, Julius	1	Lincoln Park, 873
Watson, C. W.	1	Clark, 3
Weise, W. V.	1	Clark, 3
Wilson, Oscar	2	Three Links, 812
Woods, J. C	2	Woodlawn Park, 835
Wilson, G. M.	1	Kenney, 557
Y		
Young, O. F.	1	Hyde Park, 722

SUMMARY.

List of those entitled to place on the Grand-Lodge Roll of Honor.

Name.	Lodge.	
E. J. Brooks	South Englewood, 448	12
Isaac Golden	Englewood Hill, 822	11
V. F. Jones	Three Links, 812	7
H. A. Lee	Althea, 619	7
W. G. Colbert	Shelby, 274	6
W. G Collings	Centennial, 603	6
A. L. Funkhouser	Treasury, 237	6
Jas. Bluensner	Madison, 43	6
C. W. Nax	Nashville, 37	6
John Dagan	Clark, 3	5
E. Hauke	Harmonia, 221	5
F. Christensen	Savanna, 164	5
J. A Carlson	Electric, 868	5
Herman Becker	Model, 457	4
H. Don Casteel	I Will, 141	4
J. M Stimpson	Illini, 4	4
J. S. Stafford	Coal Valley, 304	4
W. J. Turner	Althea, 619	4
A. T. Anderson	Herscher, 612	3
John Braxenna	Covenant, 48	3
Wesley Brooks	Woodlawn Park, 825	3
W. J Kenney	South Chicago, 696	3
J. H. Kemp	Saunemin, 728	3
J. W. Kingon	Clark, 3	3
John Carlson	Three Links, 812	3
C. M Etter	Cambridge, 199	3
John W. Evans	Ridgely, 259	3
Wm. Finkelstein	South Park, 488	3
F C Nathan	Woodlawn Park, 825	3
T. H Rapp	Illini, 4	3
Chas. Swanson	Three Links, 812	3
Frank Sopher	South Chicago, 696	3
L. J. Schtereth	Pullman, 716	3
W. Wiln	Hutten, 398	3
D. E. Randolph	Kenney, 557	3
J. H Allen	Abou Ben Adhem, 148	3
W. W. Brunt	Columbian, 733	3
D. E. Black	Litchfield, 202	2
A. B. Barker	Staunton, 685	2
E. F. Bigelow	Pullman, 716	2
G. D. Clemow	Columbia, 21	2
M. Cochran	Madison, 43	2
E. C. Cady	America, 107	2
D D. Coulton	South Englewood, 448	2
D. C. Closser	Casey, 747	2
Pearl Carpenter	Kinderhook, 757	2
Wm. Cothren	Granite City, 852	2
L. S. Crosshead	Bowen, 864	2
W. A. Coppenburg	Kenney, 557	2
G. H. Dawson	Winnebago, 31	2
J. N. Dixon	Yates City, 370	2
J. M. Darling	J. Ward Ellis, 447	2
G. O. Dumeth	Piper, 471	2
D. A. Delap	Dexter, 568	2
Frank DeLaix	Three Links, 812	2
J. C. Earlandson	Winnebago, 31	2
J. T. Emerick	Casey, 747	2
B. A. Fay	Kent, 689	2
Geo. A. Finch	Hebron, 767	2
I. Fireman	Englewood Hill, 822	2
H. Fosseick	Granite City, 852	2
Ed. Gechsinder	Unity, 310	2
S. D Gurney	Marblehead, 535	2
T. F. Goinran	Ashmore, 792	2
W. J. Hicks	Marion, 13	2
Chas. Howard	Guiding Star, 319	2
L S. Holden	Monmouth, 577	2
Carl Hess	J G. Whittler, 666	2
E. L. Herrick	Hebron, 767	2
Uriah Hill	Lincoln, 204	2
Chas Jackson	DeKalb, 155	2
C. J Jackson	Iron Link, 751	2
W. H Koepke	Westville, 661	2
E. Kelsey	Grant Park, 867	2
R Linderra	Chicago, 55	2
Thos. G Love	Wheeler, 130	2
Aug. Lemarshall	Amity, 132	2
E. LaRoche	Englewood, 858	2
J. W. Monodus	Nashville, 37	2
M Margraf	South Park, 488	2
D. F. Morningstar	Rossville, 537	2
J. McWhinney	Washburn, 546	2
Aug. Miller	Granite City, 852	2
G W. Marshall	Clark, 3	2
D J Marsh	Electric, 868	2
N. Ellsworth	Illini, 4	2
A V. Nelson	Marion, 13	2
Nicholson	Mill Shoals, 835	2
H T. Pemberton	Friendship, 24	2
E L. Preston	Kent, 689	2
J. H. Riggs	Mason City, 337	2
H. L. Robb	Heyworth, 483	2
W. C. Roodhouse	Roodhouse, 681	2
D. L. Rich	Electric, 868	2
H. Stoekel	Chicago, 55	2
Chas. Streiber	Harmonia, 221	2
M. Sepher	Monmouth, 577	2
W. L Sadler	Althea, 619	2
W F Shears	Westville, 661	2
Wm. Trunk	Columbia, 21	2
R. B. Thompson	Apollo, 405	2
G D Watton	Okaw, 117	2
J. V. Willard	Bowen, 864	2
Oscar Wilson	Three Links, 812	2
J. C. Woods	Woodlawn Park, 825	2
421—One each		421
Total		721

RECAPITULATION.

1 brother presented	12	19 brothers presented 3 each	57
1 brother presented	11	68 brothers presented 2 each	136
2 brothers presented 7 each	14	421 brothers presented 1 each	421
5 brothers presented 6 each	30		
4 brothers presented 5 each	20		
5 brothers presented 4 each	20		
526		Total	721

176 Lodges reported the above figures.

COMMITTEE ON REBEKAH DEGREE.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
Thomas Wood	Princeton	Lodge No. 801.
Chas. S. Harris	Galesburg	Lodge No. 478.
A. B. Thompson	Bloomington	Lodge No. 400.

COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

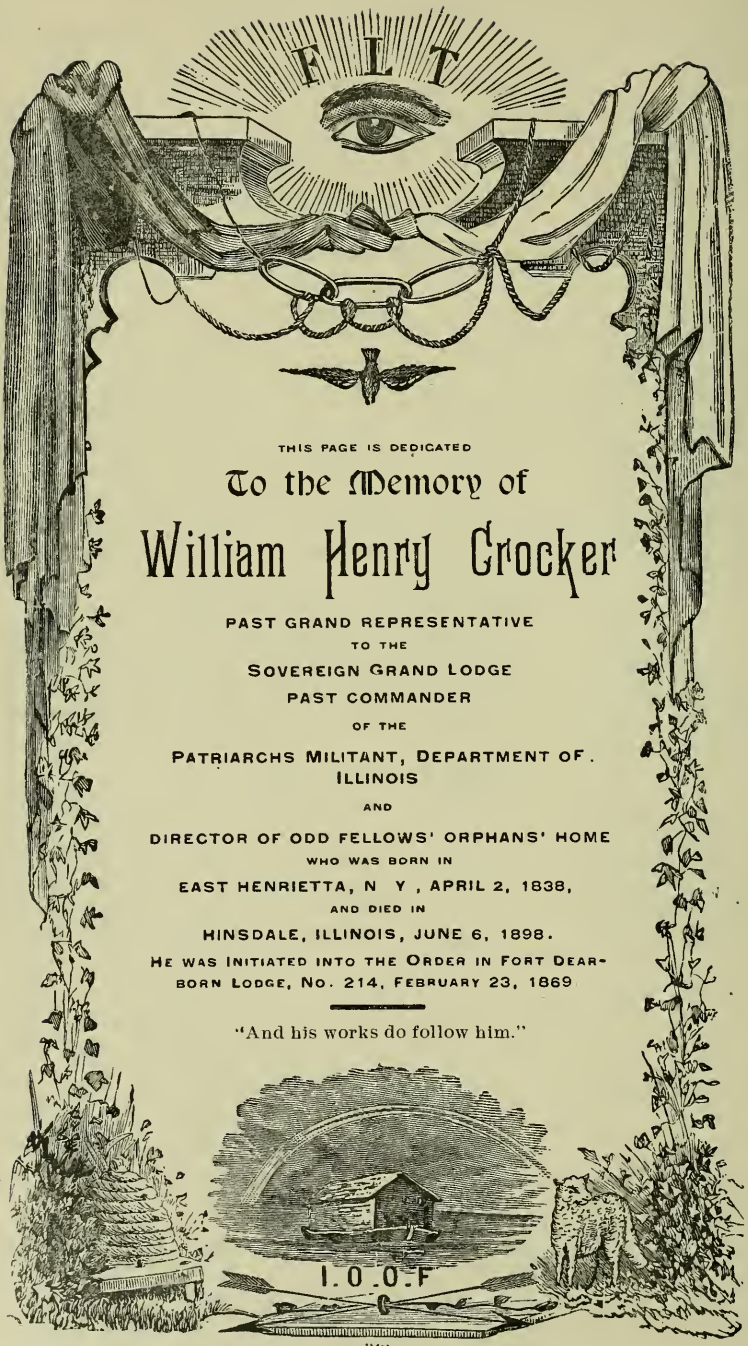
Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
N. D. Calkins	Irving Park	Lodge No. 190.
James Kinney	Toulon	Lodge No. 96.
Richard Brunt	Chicago	Lodge No. 696.
J. H. Cline	Cisne	Lodge No. 859.
Rudolph Koehne	Chicago	Lodge No. 261.
A. L. Fyfe	Chicago	Lodge No. 416.
J. Wilson Jones	McLeansboro	Lodge No. 191.
J. A. Lucas	Gibson City	Lodge No. 69.
Ed. J. Powers	Peoria	Loege No. 21.
John M. Miner	Guthrie	Lodge No. 358.

COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
J. P. Ellacott	Chicago	Lodge No. 416.
Scott Clark	Belvidere	Lodge No. 28.
George W. Young	Marion	Lodge No. 392.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
John R. Camp	Bushnell	Lodge No. 322.
Sven Windrow	Chicago	Lodge No. 812.
John Leverett	Upper Alton	Lodge No. 466.
Adolf Sumerlin	Mattoon	Lodge No. 260.
J. C. Dunham	Paxton	Lodge No. 418.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To the Memory of
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PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
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OF THE
PATRIARCHS MILITANT, DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
AND
DIRECTOR OF ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME
WHO WAS BORN IN
EAST HENRIETTA, N Y, APRIL 2, 1838,
AND DIED IN
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, JUNE 6, 1898.
HE WAS INITIATED INTO THE ORDER IN FORT DEARBORN LODGE, NO. 214, FEBRUARY 23, 1869
"And his works do follow him."
I.O.O.F

COMMITTEE ON REBEKAH DEGREE.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
Thomas Wood	Princeton	Lodge No. 801.
Chas. S. Harris	Galesburg	Lodge No. 478.
A. B. Thompson	Bloomington	Lodge No. 400.

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Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
N. D. Calkins	Irving Park	Lodge No. 190.
James Kinney	Toulon	Lodge No. 96.
Richard Brunt	Chicago	Lodge No. 696.
J. H. Cline	Cisne	Lodge No. 859.
Rudolph Koehne	Chicago	Lodge No. 261.
A. L. Fyfe	Chicago	Lodge No. 416.
J. Wilson Jones	McLeansboro	Lodge No. 191.
J. A. Lucas	Gibson City	Lodge No. 69.
Ed. J. Powers	Peoria	Lodge No. 21.
John M. Miner	Guthrie	Lodge No. 358.

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Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
J. P. Ellacott	Chicago	Lodge No. 416.
Scott Clark	Belvidere	Lodge No. 28.
George W. Young	Marion	Lodge No. 392.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Name.	Residence.	No. of Lodge.
John R. Camp	Bushnell	Lodge No. 322.
Sven Windrow	Chicago	Lodge No. 812.
John Leverett	Upper Alton	Lodge No. 466.
Adolf Sumerlin	Mattoon	Lodge No. 260.
J. C. Dunham	Paxton	Lodge No. 418.

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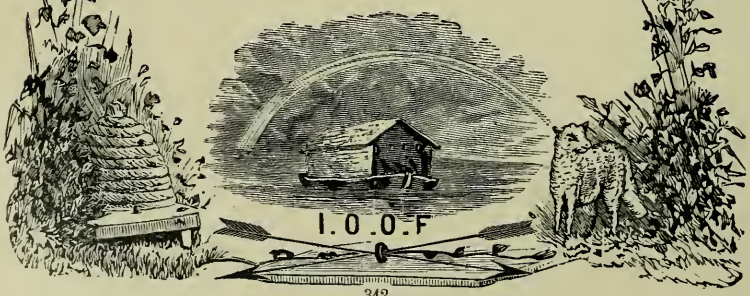

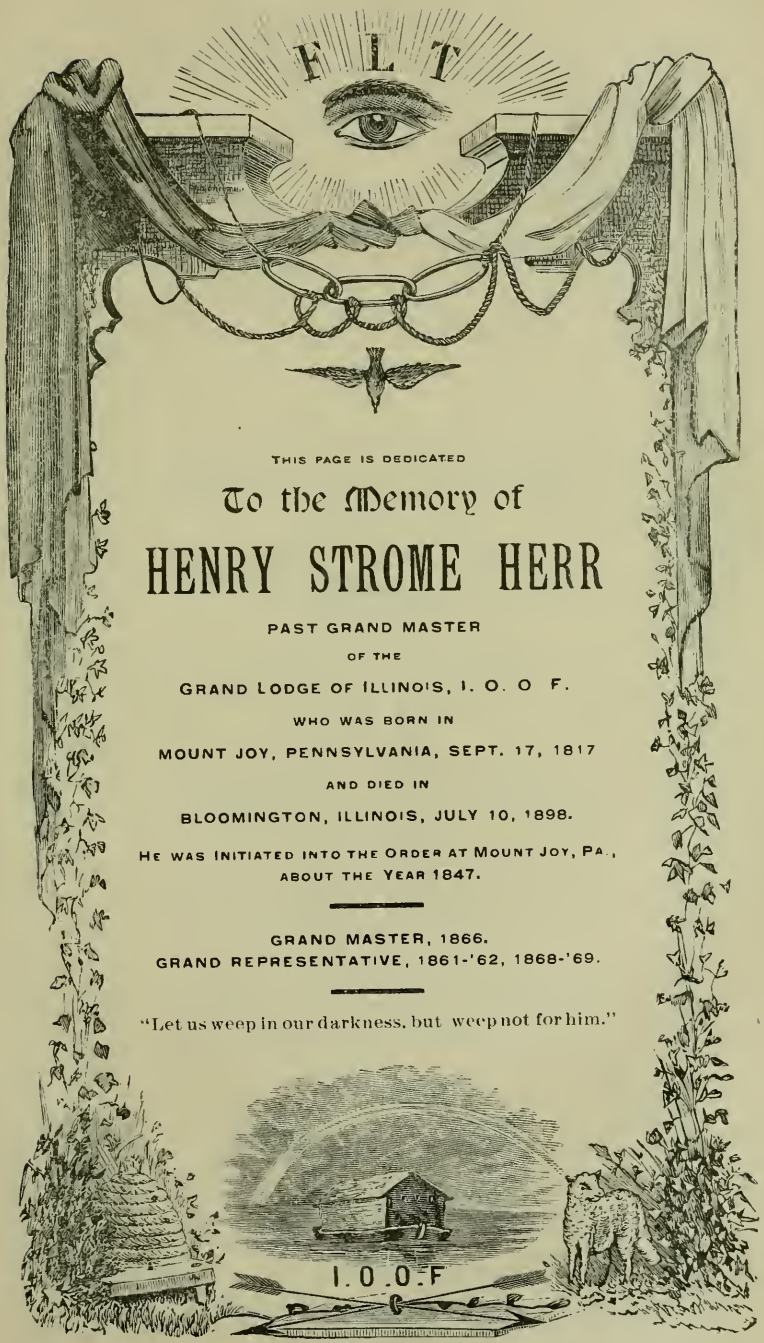

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To the Memory of

HENRY STROME HERR

PAST GRAND MASTER

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O F.

WHO WAS BORN IN

MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPT. 17, 1817

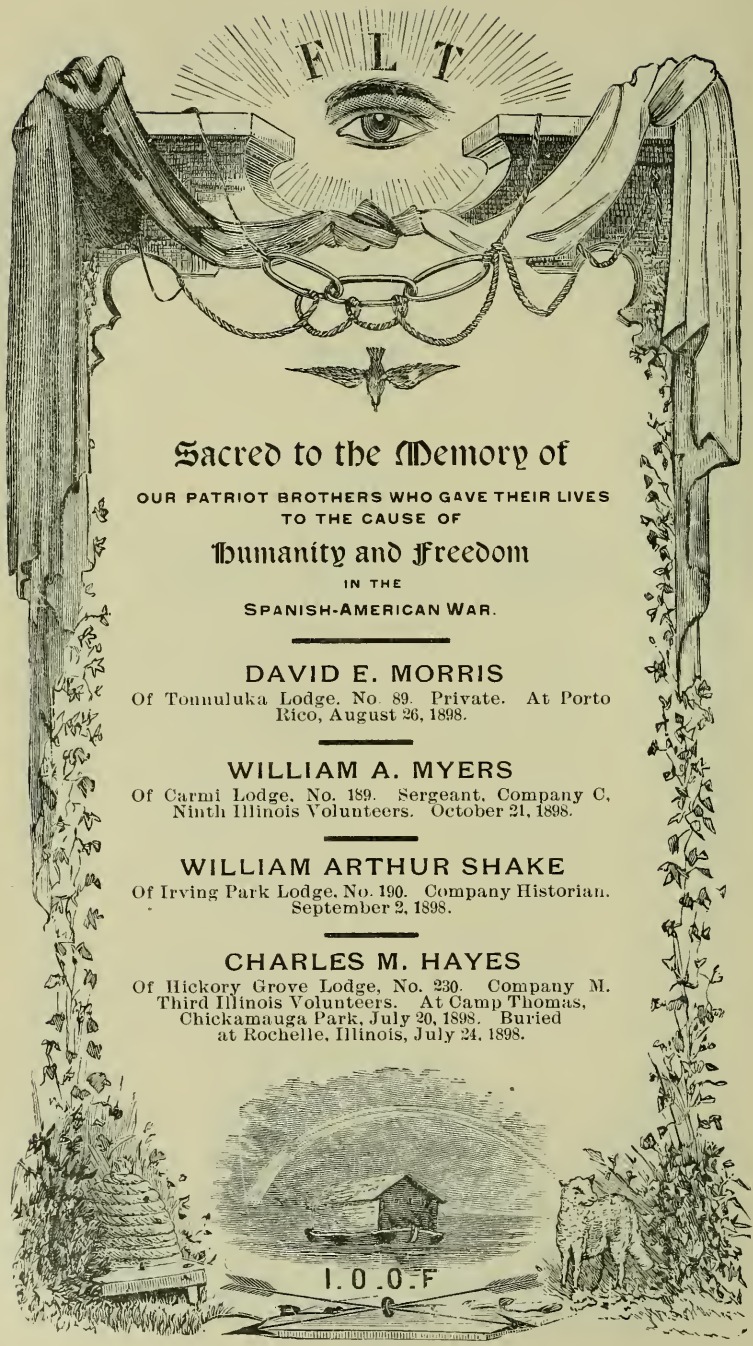
AND DIED IN

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, JULY 10, 1898.

HE WAS INITIATED INTO THE ORDER AT MOUNT JOY, PA., ABOUT THE YEAR 1847.

GRAND MASTER, 1866.
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, 1861-'62, 1868-'69.

"Let us weep in our darkness, but weep not for him."



Sacred to the Memory of

OUR PATRIOT BROTHERS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES TO THE CAUSE OF

Humanity and Freedom

IN THE

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

DAVID E. MORRIS

Of Tonnuluka Lodge, No. 89. Private. At Porto Rico, August 26, 1898.

WILLIAM A. MYERS

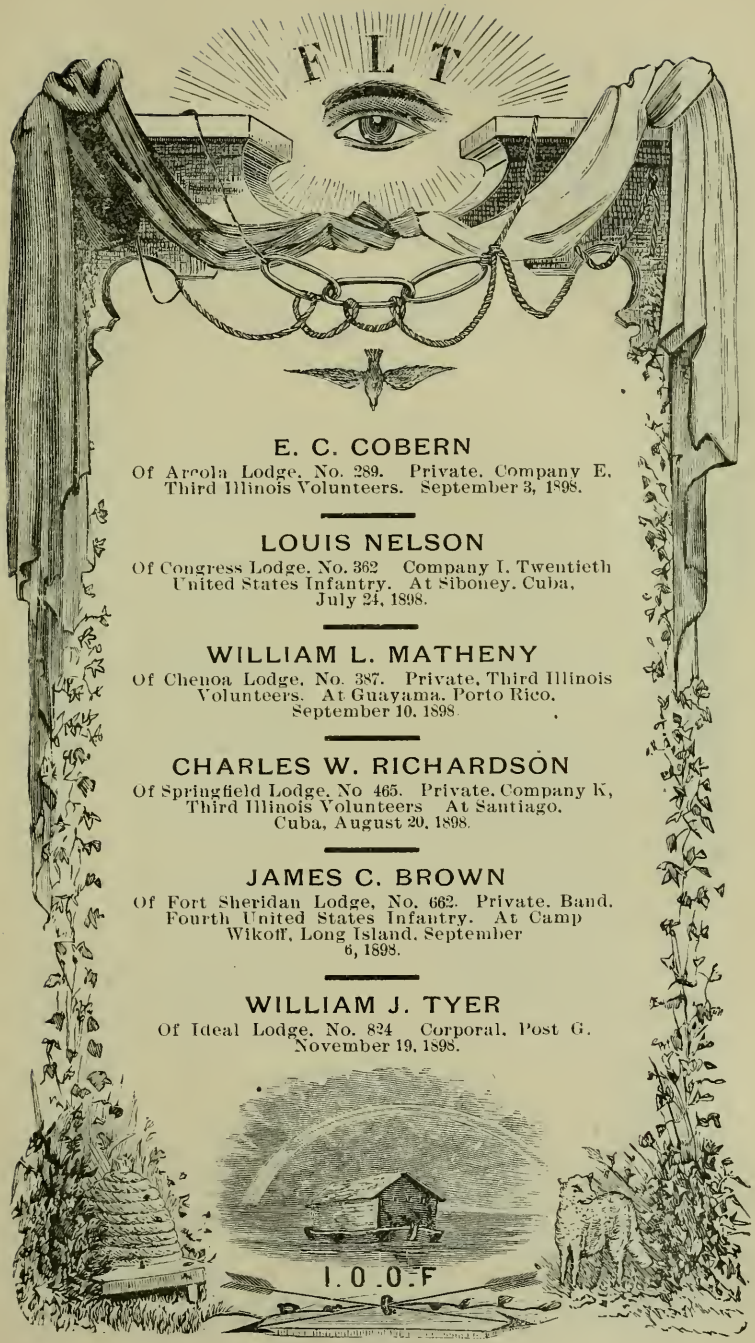
Of Carmi Lodge, No. 189. Sergeant, Company C, Ninth Illinois Volunteers. October 21, 1898.

WILLIAM ARTHUR SHAKE

Of Irving Park Lodge, No. 190. Company Historian. September 2, 1898.

CHARLES M. HAYES

Of Hickory Grove Lodge, No. 230. Company M. Third Illinois Volunteers. At Camp Thomas, Chickamauga Park, July 20, 1898. Buried at Rochelle, Illinois, July 24, 1898.



E. C. COBERN

Of Arcola Lodge, No. 289. Private, Company E. Third Illinois Volunteers. September 3, 1898.

LOUIS NELSON

Of Congress Lodge, No. 362 Company I, Twentieth United States Infantry. At Siboney, Cuba, July 24, 1898.

WILLIAM L. MATHENY

Of Chenoa Lodge, No. 387. Private, Third Illinois Volunteers. At Guayama, Porto Rico, September 10, 1898.

CHARLES W. RICHARDSON

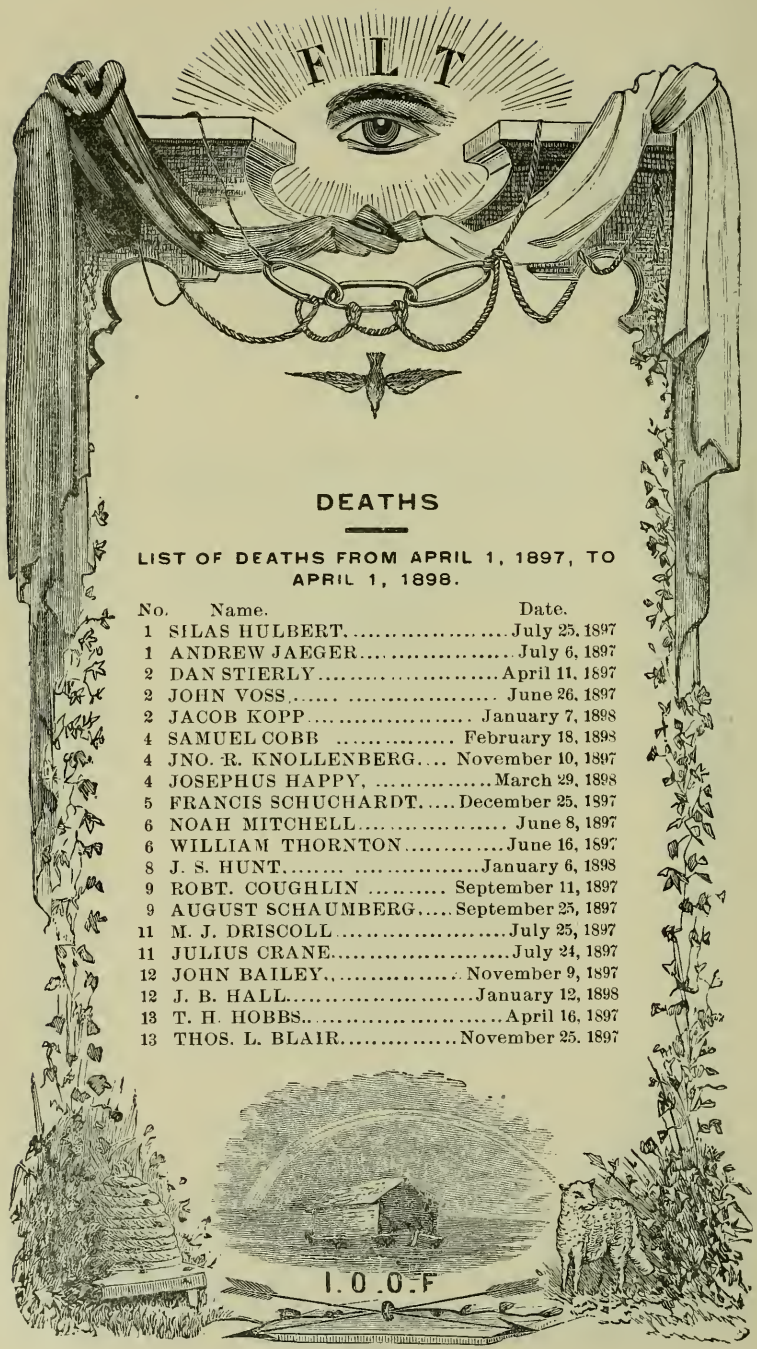
Of Springfield Lodge, No 465. Private, Company K, Third Illinois Volunteers At Santiago, Cuba, August 20, 1898.

JAMES C. BROWN

Of Fort Sheridan Lodge, No. 662. Private, Band, Fourth United States Infantry. At Camp Wikoff, Long Island, September 6, 1898.

WILLIAM J. TYER

Of Ideal Lodge, No. 824 Corporal, Post G, November 19, 1898.



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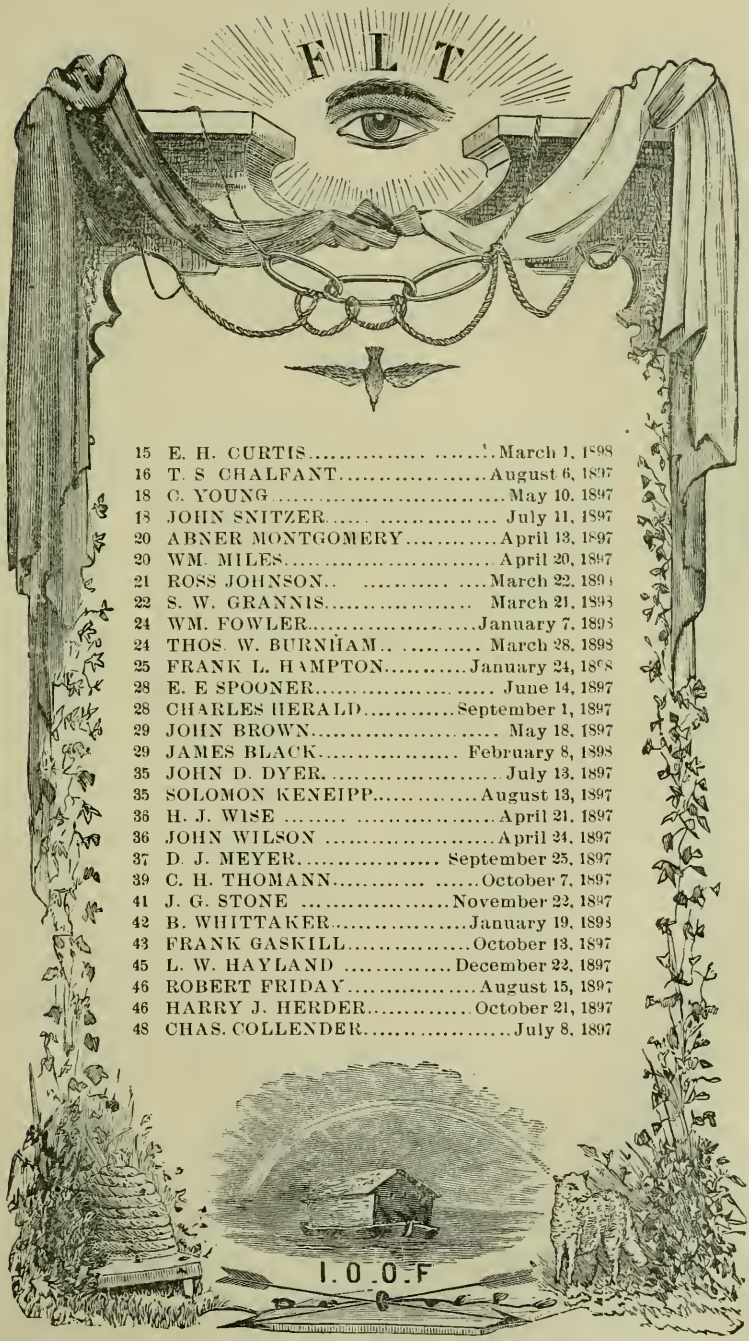

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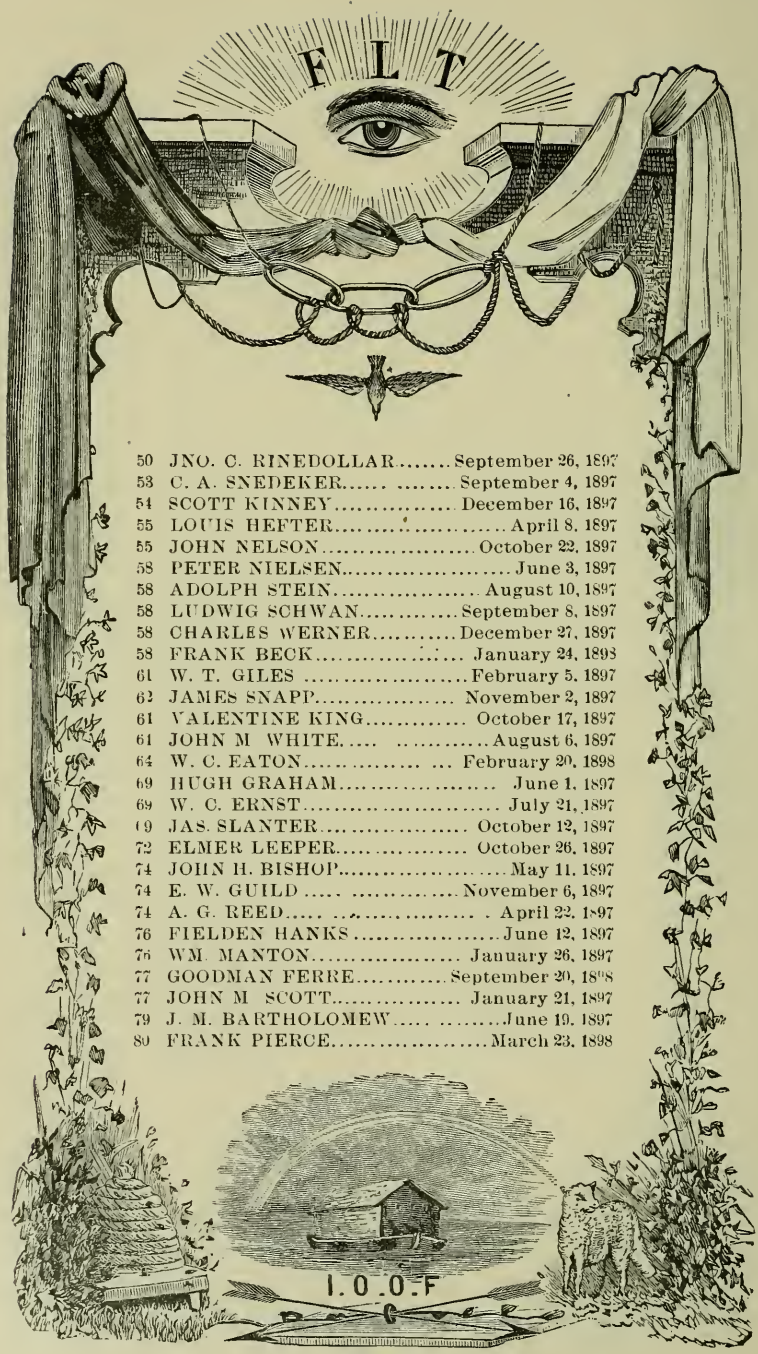

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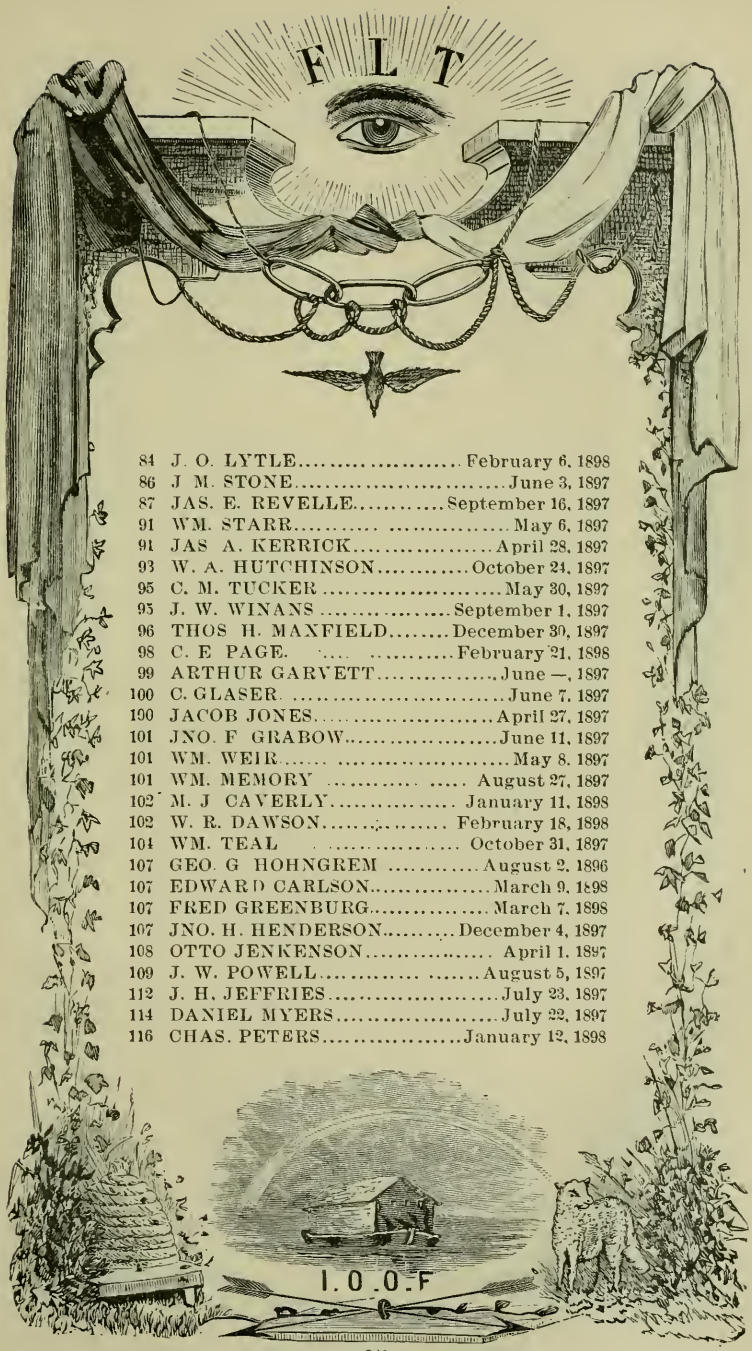

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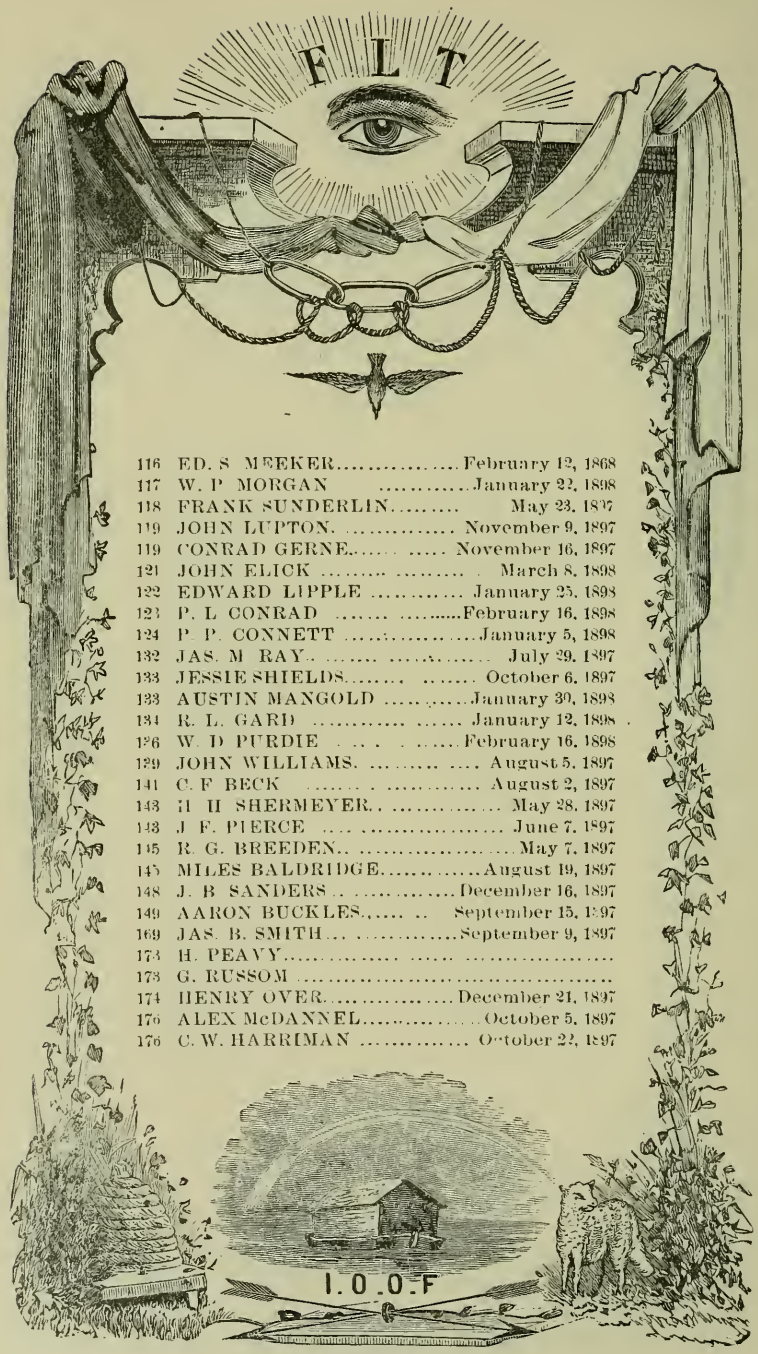

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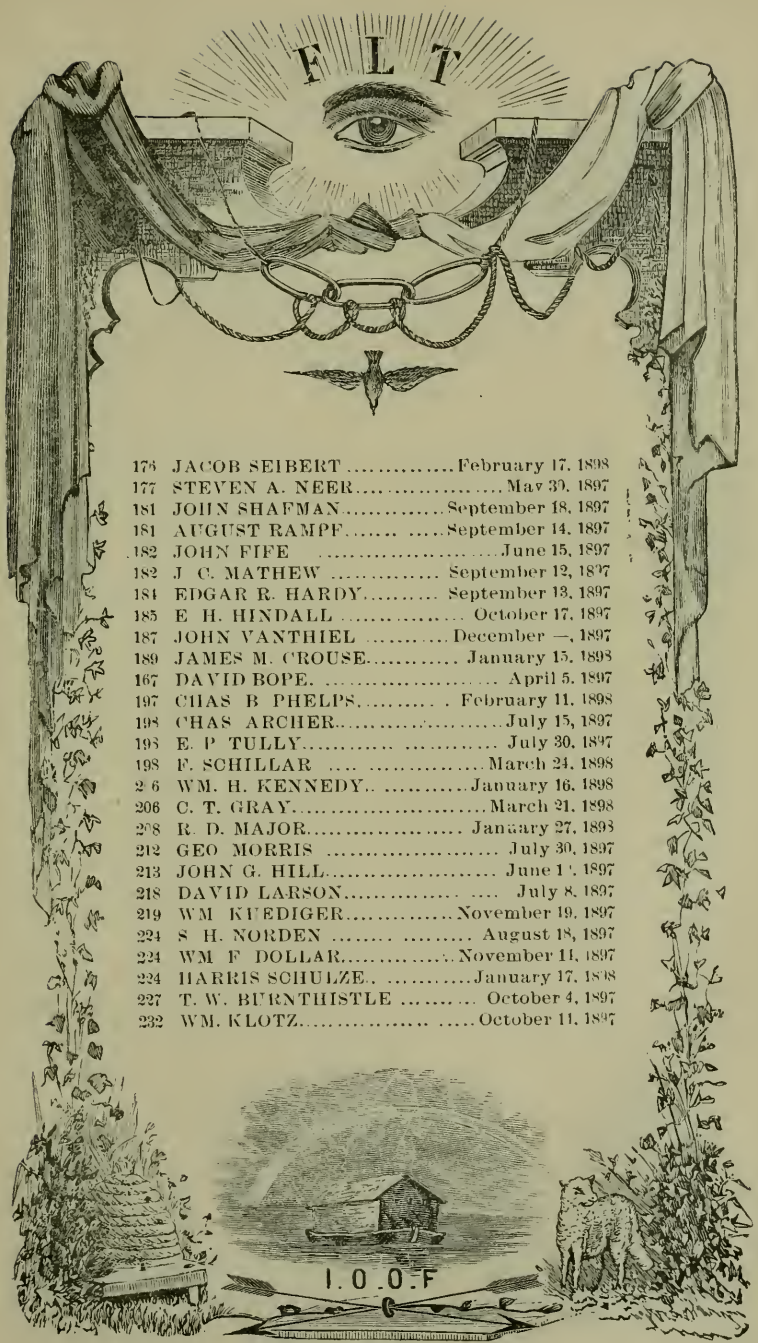

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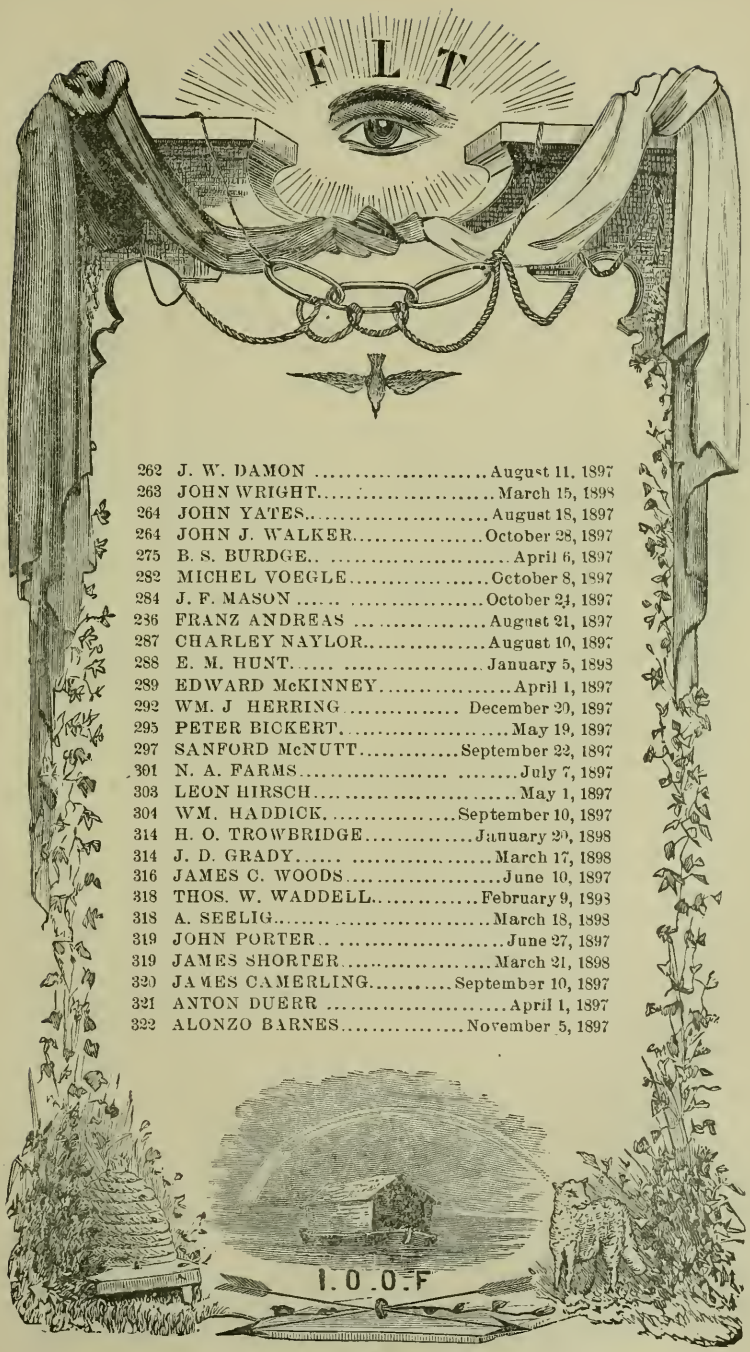

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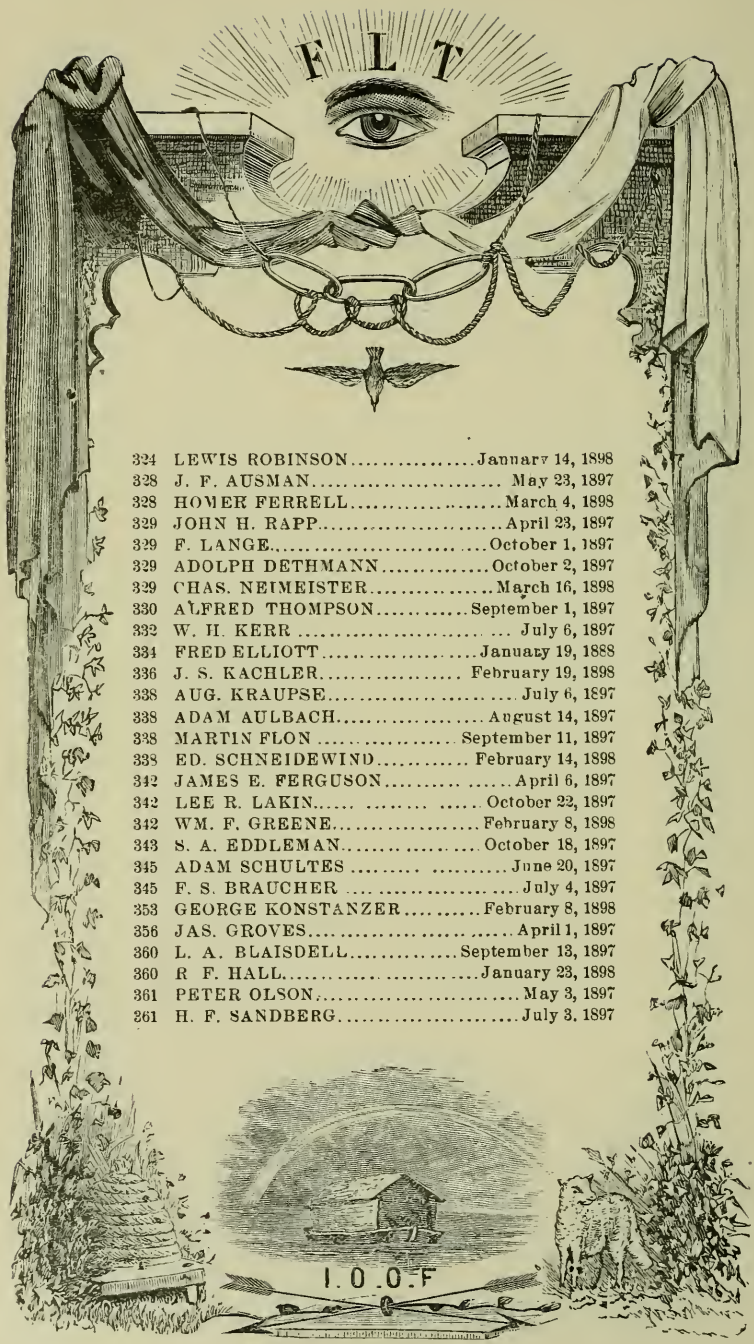

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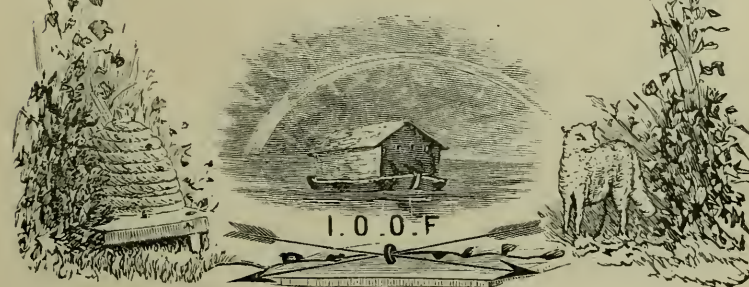

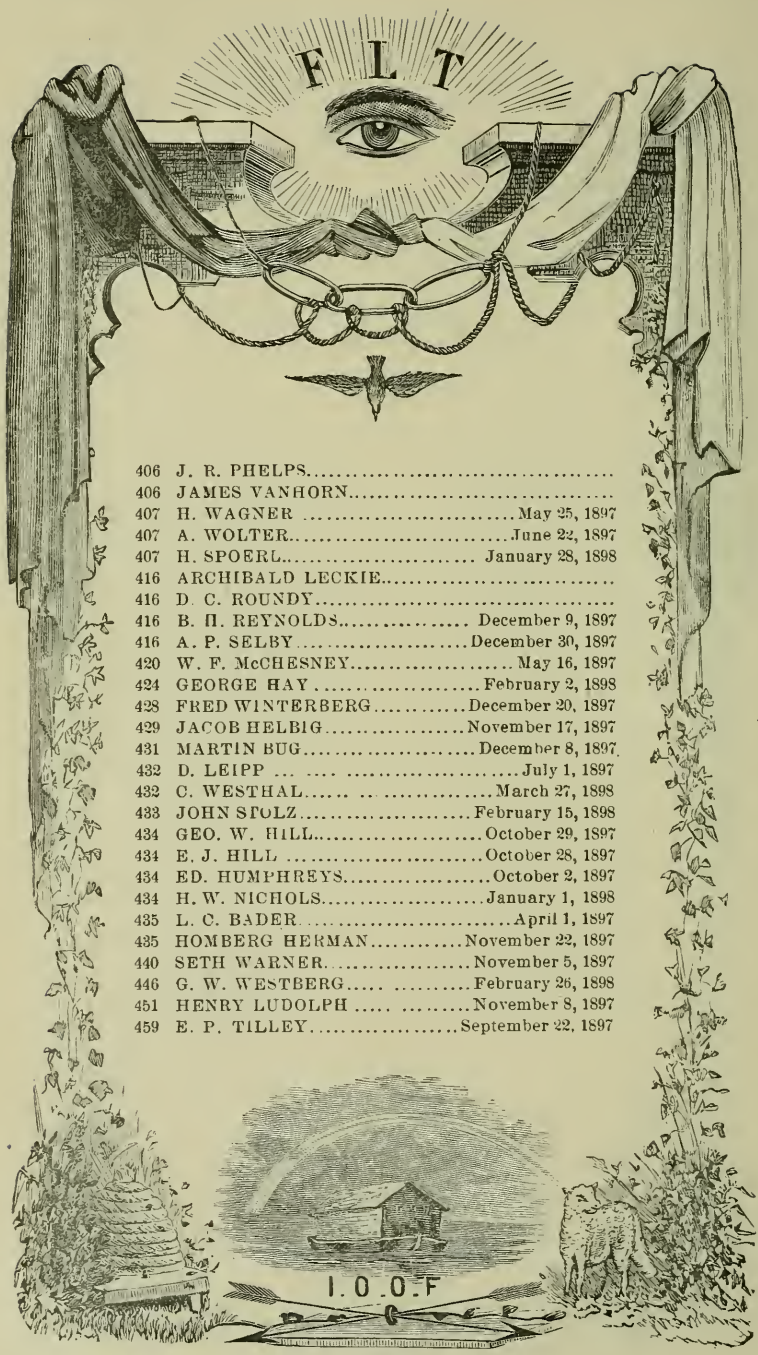

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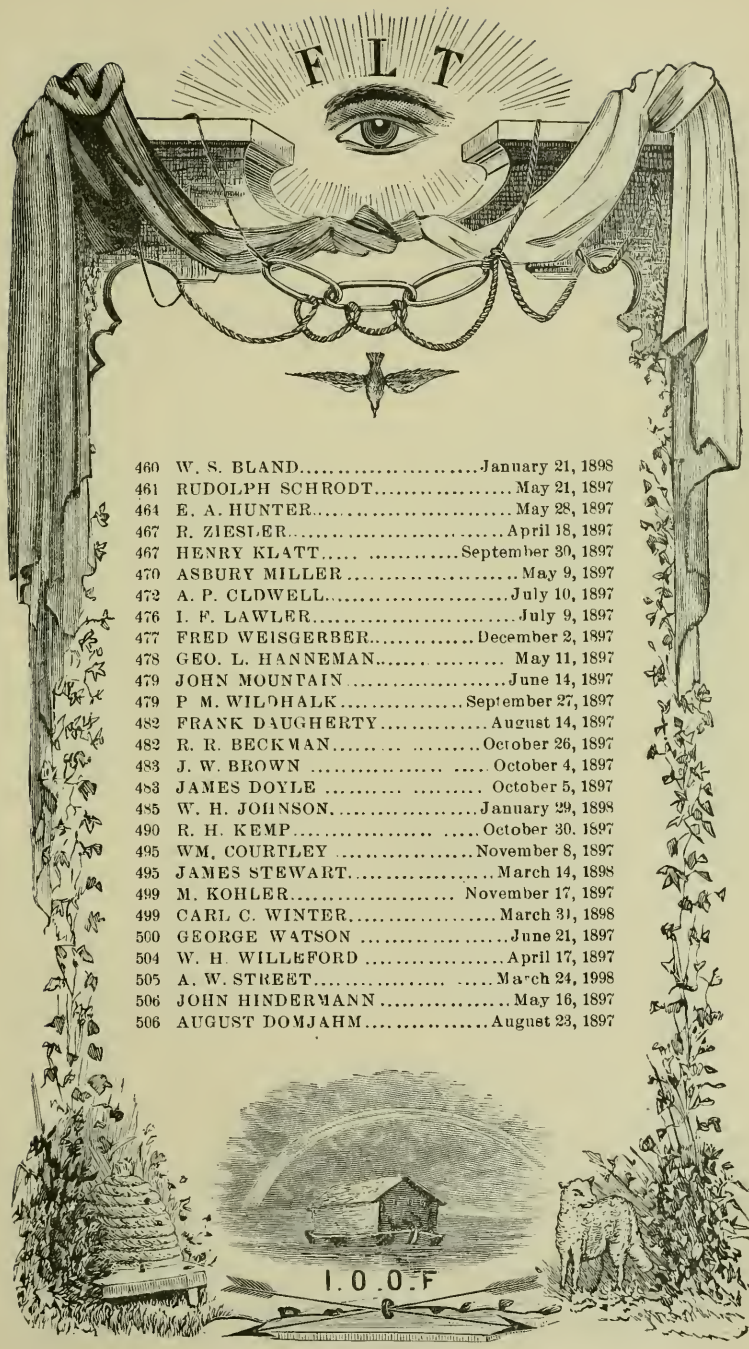

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464	E. A. HUNTER	May 28, 1897
467	R. ZIESLER	April 18, 1897
467	HENRY KLATT	September 30, 1897
470	ASBURY MILLER	May 9, 1897
472	A. P. CLDWELL	July 10, 1897
476	I. F. LAWLER	July 9, 1897
477	FRED WEISGERBER	December 2, 1897
478	GEO. L. HANNEMAN	May 11, 1897
479	JOHN MOUNTAIN	June 14, 1897
479	P M. WILDHALK	September 27, 1897
482	FRANK DAUGHERTY	August 14, 1897
482	R. R. BECKMAN	October 26, 1897
483	J. W. BROWN	October 4, 1897
483	JAMES DOYLE	October 5, 1897
485	W. H. JOHNSON	January 29, 1898
490	R. H. KEMP	October 30. 1897
495	WM. COURTLEY	November 8, 1897
495	JAMES STEWART	March 14, 1898
499	M. KOHLER	November 17, 1897
499	CARL C. WINTER	March 31, 1898
500	GEORGE WATSON	June 21, 1897
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505	A. W. STREET	March 24, 1998
506	JOHN HINDERMANN	May 16, 1897
506	AUGUST DOMJAHM	August 23, 1897

506	PETER CLAUSEN	December 10, 1897
507	CHRIS ZUBER, SR.	January 13, 1898
508	E. R. CONNER	October 10, 1897
510	LEROY CUMMINGS	August 4, 1897
512	WM. HUNT	June 13, 1897
517	JOHN E. MOBERG	September 7, 1897
520	JOSEPH MORGAN	June 28, 1897
524	WM. HOLST	August 30, 1897
524	W. K. STERLAND	July 22, 1897
524	N. C. ELAND	December 30, 1897
524	M. LEVY	January 2, 1898
525	CHAS. H. FARRAR	July 25, 1897
528	J. C. STROUD	August 11, 1897
529	JAMES DAVIS	December 19, 1897
529	W. W. BRIGHT	March 18, 1898
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532	CELESTIN HERBELIN	December 11, 1897
532	MICHEL PIGNON	January 20, 1898
533	M. H. STEPHENS	December 17, 1897
536	OLIVETTE SANDRO	July 17, 1897
539	PETER JOHNSEN	November 16, 1897
540	R. A. ULLMAN	May 15, 1897
543	G. D. M. HUTTON	May 12, 1897
545	THEO. SWINFORD	January 31, 1898
545	JAS. GIBBONS	February 7, 1898
551	M. HARPER	January 12, 1898

551	W. H. PIERSON	October 6, 1897
555	GEORGE TRIPPEL	May 4, 1897
555	DANIEL NIES	May 27, 1897
563	G. A. KIMBROUGH	May 22, 1897
576	L. S. BALDWIN	October 15, 1897
577	MORRIS MILLER	May 1, 1897
577	GEO. W. KELLOUGH	August 3, 1897
577	GEO. M. RUSSLE	October 25, 1897
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600	J. F. ALLEN	December 7, 1897
602	J. H. PATTERSON	
602	HENRY HUGGINS	
606	FRED RIST	November 25, 1897
611	J. S. WHITTENBURG	August 11, 1897
611	JOHN W. NEPPER	February 25, 1898
613	JOSEPH HOIS	March 7, 1898
614	S. QUICK	July 12, 1897
617	F. F. RICHARDSON	July 28, 1897
617	I. W. SCOTT	October 8, 1897
618	RANSOM BLAIR	March 25, 1897
626	M. F. PALMER	April 6, 1897
626	W. N. WILSON	July 13, 1897
630	M. W. SWEHLA	April 29, 1897
630	ANTON KANAK	May 27, 1897
630	VACLAV KOLACEK	December 8, 1897
630	JOSEPH RODA	March 9, 1898
636	DAVID PORTLOCK	June 18, 1897

639	WM POPPLE	May 1, 1897
639	WM. HANSELL	August 24, 1897
643	A. D. CHILDERS	December 12, 1897
650	W. O. JONES	September 7, 1897
650	M. T STOOKEY	November 26, 1897
653	M. E. LEVINGS	September 5, 1897
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660	JOHN BLATTNER	July 13, 1897
665	EDW. WEISS	November 9, 1897
665	CHAS. ELSNER	March 28, 1897
681	W. T. BANDY	October 23, 1897
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696	C. PARDONNER	June 4, 1897
699	S. B ROSBERG	June 7, 1897
699	C. E. DANIELSON	February 25, 1898
703	JOHN COYNE	December 15, 1897
703	JAMES JORDAN	February 13, 1898
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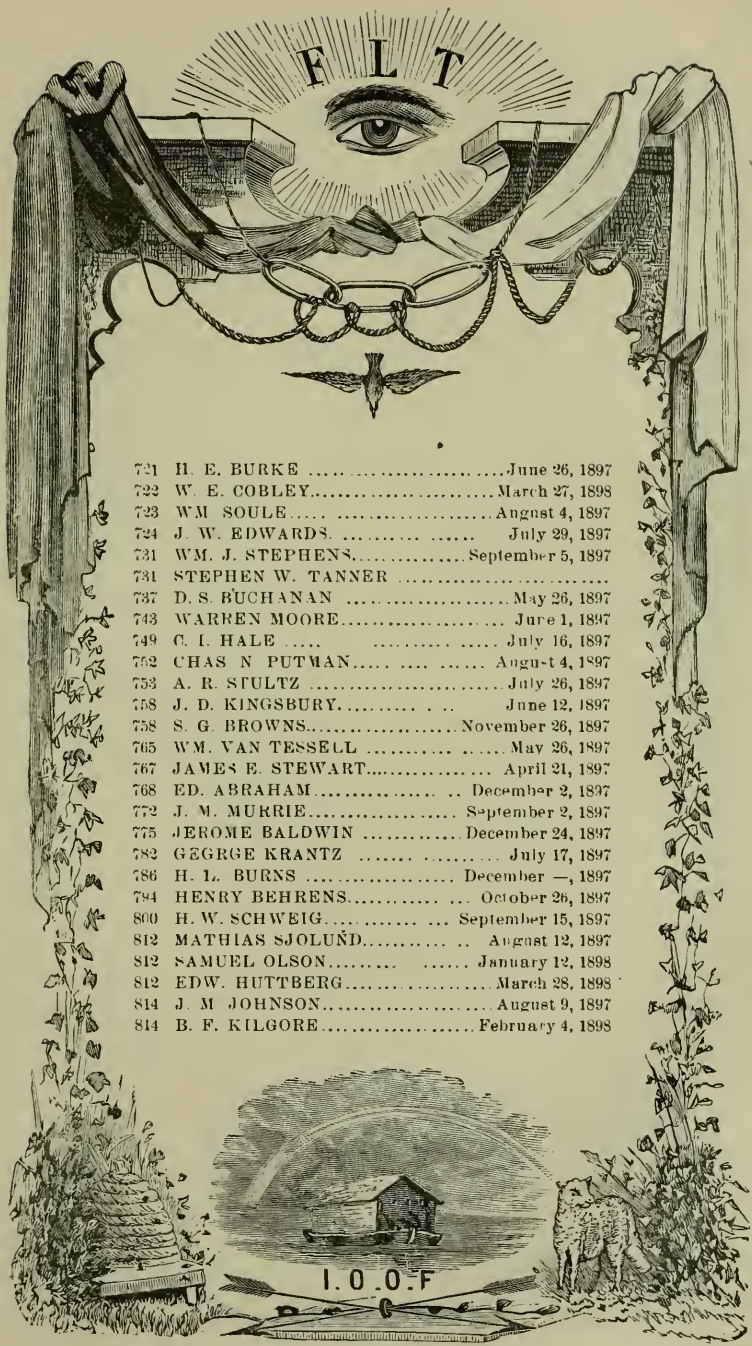
713	J. B. STUARD	June 11, 1897
715	SAMUEL GULLION	March 31, 1898
716	SAMUEL E. SCHANK	July 10, 1897
716	JOHN FIDELKE	November 20. 1897
717	B. F. DIETZ	June 3, 1897
717	MARINS PEDERSON	September 16, 1897
717	WM. H. MITCHELL	March 25, 1898



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731	WM. J. STEPHENS	September 5, 1897
731	STEPHEN W. TANNER	
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743	WARREN MOORE	June 1, 1897
749	C. I. HALE	July 16, 1897
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753	A. R. STULTZ	July 26, 1897
758	J. D. KINGSBURY	June 12, 1897
758	S. G. BROWNS	November 26, 1897
765	WM. VAN TESSELL	May 26, 1897
767	JAMES E. STEWART	April 21, 1897
768	ED. ABRAHAM	December 2, 1897
772	J. M. MURRIE	September 2, 1897
775	JEROME BALDWIN	December 24, 1897
782	GEORGE KRANTZ	July 17, 1897
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800	H. W. SCHWEIG	September 15, 1897
812	MATHIAS SJOLUND	August 12, 1897
812	SAMUEL OLSON	January 12, 1898
812	EDW. HUTTBERG	March 28, 1898
814	J. M JOHNSON	August 9, 1897
814	B. F. KILGORE	February 4, 1898

822	WM. H. McDONALD	March 11, 1898
825	L. A. PARRISH	May 24, 1897
829	GEORGE JONES	August 14, 1897
831	C. E. VONDERHORST	April 19, 1897
831	ARTHUR CROSSDALE	December 20, 1897
835	W. C. CASTLE	July 28, 1897
842	J. R. McCLELLAND	December 4, 1897
843	A. F. LAUDERBAUGH	November 11, 1897
847	LEO W. DANIELS	April 15, 1897
858	JAS. LAPSLEY	June 19, 1897
858	CHAS. F. HANDY	July 7, 1897
858	AUGUST C. BINZ	July 28, 1897
874	J. W. HARRIS	April 26, 1897
875	ROBT. A. SHAW	January 30, 1898
875	JAS. H. MERTON	February 23, 1898
880	I. M. WILLIAMS	December 29, 1897

The following was received too late for the special list, given on pages 344 and 345, of Brothers who died in the cause of Humanity and Freedom.

CHARLES MANGERUM

Of Fort Clark Lodge, No. 109. Died October 26, 1898.

EXPULSIONS.

List of Members Expelled from April 1, 1897 to April 1, 1898.

No.	Name.	Date
7	Henry Stevenson	
8	H. T. Currier	Jan. 26, 1898
28	S. S. Risslow	Oct. 30, 1897
48	Wm. Kimerly	May 17, 1897
74	J. H. Banks	Oct. 12, 1897
76	I. W. Slavin	Oct. 7, 1897
92	E. R. Adleman	Jan. 29, 1898
93	F. M. Christopher	July 8, 1897
96	Jno. W. White	Dec. 7, 1897
142	A. H. Marsh	Oct. 11, 1897
148	Egnatz Spinka	May 24, 1897
158	W. R. Shannon	Nov. 30, 1897
158	Elias Workman	Nov. 30, 1897
159	Wm. F. Duncan	Aug. 11, 1897
175	W. J. Casley	Mar. 17, 1898
195	C. S. Carter	April 17, 1897
202	Geo. Wilkinson	April 16, 1897
208	John S. Sheldon	May 27, 1897
220	E. Cruttenden	May 10, 1897
224	E. W. Helling	Dec. 30, 1897
226	Clark Mullens	June 26, 1897
233	T. W. Guiette	Sept. 27, 1837
239	Wm. Diestelmeyer	Sept. 13, 1897
240	H. A. Fleckles	Feb 23, 1898
243	Henry G. Hess	Sept. 27, 1897
260	T. A. Jones	April 6, 1897
284	M. J. Mason	June 24, 1897
284	W. D. Wilkerson	Nov. 25, 1897
287	R. L. Anderson	Sept. 20, 1897
290	A. B. Wharton	June 22, 1897
291	Ned Forrest	July 10, 1897
296	John Gigl	June 29, 1897
310	Joseph J. Cox	May 17, 1897
314	F. H. Jones	June 3, 1897
314	Owen Crystal	Jan. 13, 1898
331	W. L. Thurston	June 21, 1897
333	C. W. Phillis	June 24, 1897
343	A. J. Mulcahay	Feb. 14, 1898
382	C. J. Lane	Oct. 14, 1897
418	Swan Lundberg	Aug. 9, 1897
428	Christ Wolf	May 20, 1897
431	Robert E. Brigham	Apr. 1, 1897
434	J. E. Reese	Nov. 17, 1897
452	O. J. Ferrill	June 25, 1897
452	Isaac Gulley	Sept. 3, 1897
454	M. A. Duboce	March 8, 1898
464	A. W. Johnson	March 1, 1898
474	Anton Komes	Oct. 21, 1897
482	J. T. Wilson	Aug. 17, 1897
517	John Donahue	Sept. 9, 1897
517	Samuel Strange	Sept. 16, 1897
543	Chas. A. Drury	Apr. 17 1897
550	Wm. Dove	Sept. 18, 1897
558	J. F. Tenney	Feb. 10, 1898
561	Wm. Wolff	March 29, 1898
571	J. J. Headrick	Jan. 16, 1898
595	W. M. Stivers	Jan. 27, 1898
595	E. H. Baugh	Jan. 27, 1898
596	J. P. Wilson	Feb. 26, 1898
620	Stephen Amons	Sept. 25, 1897
630	Anton Chmelik	May 13, 1897
646	David Stewart	May 29, 1897
653	Jas. L. Gittings	June 9, 1897
661	John W. Finn	May 6, 1897
662	Jos. W. Hesse	Aug. 11, 1897
667	E. D. Cowan	Oct. 28, 1897
672	Jason Lufkin	June 29, 1897
699	Louis Kircher	Feb. 18, 1898

No.	Name.	Date.
718	Moses Silverman	Sept. 28, 1897
728	John Evans	Sept. 15, 1897
737	W. L. Carson	Jan. 19, 1898
737	J. B. Stegall	Jan. 19, 1898
748	James A. J. Eaton	Apr. 14, 1897
761	Jasper Stewart	Sept. 18, 1897
774	George Pancoast	July 8, 1897
776	W. H. Wooster Jr.	Aug. 27, 1897
794	Dwight Day	June 11, 1897
794	Chas. Herneman	July 2, 1897
796	Lovett Williams	Sept. 22, 1897
803	W. J. Boswell	Oct. 14, 1897
803	Baptista George	Dec. 23, 1897
812	Walter Larson	Sept. 10, 1897
820	John Perrault	Aug. 26, 1897
826	John Smith	Oct. 26, 1897
835	Wm. McKever	Sept. 18, 1897
845	Chas. E. Harvey	Dec. 14, 1897
847	Wm. Ufer	July 5, 1897
847	Wm. Reinke	July 5, 1897
855	Isaac McCracken	June 4, 1897
863	J. W. Boaz	July 6, 1897
866	E. E. Keele	Nov. 18, 1897

MILEAGE AND PER-DIEM REPORT.

Names of Officers and Representatives.	No. of Lodge.	Location of Lodge.		Distance.	Date of Arr.	Days in Att.	Amount of Mileage.	Amount of Per-Diem.	Total.
		Town.	County.						
GRAND OFFICERS.									
Cicero J. Lindly, G. M.	3	Greenville	Bond	77	14	4	$4 62	$12 00	$16 62
Melvin P. Berry, D. G. M	412	Carthage	Hancock	114	14	4	6 84	12 00	18 84
Leroy L. McKinley, G. War	41	Ottawa	LaSalle	118	14	4	7 08	12 00	19 08
James R. Miller, G. Sec	426	Springfield	Sangamon	....	..	3	.....	.....	.....
Thomas B. Needles, G. Treas.	37	Nashville	Washington	121	15	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
J. Otis Humphrey, G. Rep	465	Springfield	Sangamon	....	15	3	.....	9 00	9 00
Edwin S. Conway, G. Rep	217	Oak Park	Cook	193	15	3	11 58	9 00	20 58
Rev. J A. Lucas, G. Chap	69	Gibson City	Ford	82	15	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
E. H. Kinney, G. Mar	726	Table Grove	Fulton	76	15	3	4 56	9 00	13 56
John R. Davis, G Con	4	Jacksonville	Morgan	34	15	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
C. E. Wolfe, G. Guar	151	Flora	Clay	108	15	3	6 48	9 00	15 48
W. H. Bean, G. Her	825	Woodlawn Prk	Cook	185	15	3	11 11	9 00	20 10
REPRESENTATIVES.									
Geo. H. Colonius	1	Alton	Madison	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Anton Kremer	2	Alton	Madison	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Albert L. Bone	3	Greenville	Bond	77	15	3	4 62	9 00	13 62
George Brown	4	Jacksonville	Morgan	34	15	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
Louis Grimm	5	Galena	Jo Daviess	234	15	3	14 04	9 00	23 04
Charles R. Coon	6	Springfield	Sangamon	....	15	3	.....	9 00	9 00
A. L. Hews	7	Canton	Fulton	70	15	3	4 20	9 00	13 20
Wm. Lees	8	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	0 00	20 10
Wm. R. Moulding	9	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
M. F. Shannon	10	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Chas. Hirshfield	11	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. Smith Cruttenden	12	Quincy	Adams	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
D. N. Goddard	13	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	124	15	3	7 44	9 00	16 44
Frank J. Betts	14	St. Charles	Kane	179	15	3	10 74	9 00	19 74
G. B Roller	15	Canton	Fulton	70	15	3	4 20	9 00	13 20
James G. Neeley	16	Beardstown	Cass	46	15	3	2 76	9 00	11 76
Daniel H. Dildine	17	Galena	Jo Daviess	234	15	3	14 04	9 00	23 04
Peter Schlemmer	18	Rock Island	Rock Island	156	15	3	9 36	9 00	18 36
H. L. Rodgers	19	Equality	Gallatin	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
J. E. Steffy	20	Birds	Lawrence	147	15	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
Ed. J. Powers	21	Peoria	Peoria	64	15	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
E. E. Edgerton	22	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Charles E. Enz	23	Lockport	Will	152	15	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
H. T. Pemberton	24	Rushville	Schuyler	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
Henry A. Risser	25	Troy	Madison	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
J. G. Buckies	26	Berry	Sangamon	10	15	3	60	9 00	9 60
A. C. Douglass	27	Waterloo	Monroe	116	15	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
Scott Clark	28	Belvidere	Boone	195	15	3	11 70	9 00	20 70
John H. Krater	29	Joliet	Will	147	15	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
Geo. E. White	30	Freeport	Stephenson	197	15	3	11 82	9 00	20 82
D. P. Gray	31	Rockford	Winnebago	208	15	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
J. R. Powell	32	Fairfield	Wayne	129	15	3	7 74	9 00	16 74
H. A. Doan	33	Elizabeth	Jo Daviess	237	15	3	14 22	9 00	23 22
Theo. Weberling	34	Peru	La Salle	121	15	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
J. H. Walterick	35	Mt. Carmel	Wabash	163	15	3	9 78	9 00	18 78
W. H. Seaton	36	Quincy	Adams	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
H. A. Reither	37	Nashville	Washington	121	15	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
Elmer Sadler	38	Carlyle	Clinton	105	15	3	6 30	9 00	15 30
O. B. Anderson	39	Dixon	Lee	161	15	3	9 66	9 00	18 66
Fred C. Winklemann	40	Hillsboro	Montgomery	54	15	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
L. A. Williams	41	Ottawa	La Salle	118	15	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
Willis G. Holmes	42	Town of Lake	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
F. J. Mueller	43	Collinsville	Madison	104	15	3	6 24	9 00	15 24
S. P. Wood	44	Farmington	Fulton	82	15	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
W. H. Young	45	Aurora	Kane	167	15	3	10 02	9 00	19 02
Henry A. Dierkes	46	Edwardsville	Madison	74	15	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
E. E. Kenyon	47	Elgin	Kane	191	15	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
Henry Clay	48	Pekin	Tazewell	55	15	3	3 30	9 00	12 30
H. J. Mangrum	49	Chapin	Morgan	44	15	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
Oliver J. Routzahn	50	Mt. Carroll	Carroll	208	15	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
D. K. Houghton	51	Lewistown	Fulton	57	15	3	3 42	9 00	12 42
H. J. Holdoway	52	Sparta	Randolph	147	15	3	8 82	9 00	17 82

Mileage and Per-Diem Report—*Continued.*

Names of Representatives.	No. of Lodge.	Location of Lodge. Town.	Location of Lodge. County.	Distance.	Date of Arr.	Days in Att.	Amount of Mileage.	Amount of Per-Diem.	Total.
Ed. J. Vaughn	53	Jerseyville	Jersey	68	15	3	$4 08	$9 00	$10 08
Wm. R. Martin	54	Elizabethtown	Hardin	202	15	3	12 12	9 00	21 12
Elvin Z. Harris	55	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Arthur M. Newcomer	56	Mt. Morris	Ogle	192	15	3	11 52	9 00	20 52
Wm. Roseman	57	Chester	Randolph	169	15	3	10 14	9 00	19 14
John Kleinschmidt	58	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. A. Lemmers	60	Woodstock	McHenry	212	15	3	12 72	9 00	21 72
Isaac N. Roland	61	Freeport	Stephenson	197	15	3	11 82	9 00	20 82
Ed. G. Parks	62	Georgetown	Vermilion	118	15	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
J. S. Burt	63	Henry	Marshall	98	15	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
J. C. Perdue	64	Marshall	Clark	131	15	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
James H. Gregor	65	Decatur	Macon	38	15	3	2 28	9 00	11 28
Samuel Potter	66	Magnolia	Putnam	108	15	3	6 48	9 00	15 48
D. T. Griffin	67	Cairo	Alexander	213	15	3	12 78	9 00	21 78
John J. Bergen	68	Virginia	Cass	33	15	3	1 98	9 00	10 98
M. M. McNeill	69	Danville	Vermilion	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Wm. Milhous	70	Winchester	Scott	54	15	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
H. A. Brinkman	71	Warsaw	Hancock	131	15	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
Chas. A. Lewis	72	Versailles	Brown	65	15	3	3 90	9 00	12 90
J. H. Sawdon	73	Griggsville	Pike	65	15	3	3 90	9 00	12 90
Charles E. Foster	74	Watseka	Iroquois	126	15	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
W. C. Davis	75	Morris	Grundy	140	15	3	8 40	9 00	17 40
Wm. Smith	76	Perry	Pike	64	15	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
Oliver Beebe	77	Bloomington	McLean	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
R. G. Fouts	78	Ellisville	Fulton	82	15	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
Wm. Martin	79	Vermont	Fulton	70	15	3	4 20	9 00	13 20
A. W. Pierce	80	Harvey	Cook	173	15	3	10 38	9 00	19 38
W. A. Marvin	81	Naperville	DuPage	171	15	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
Wm. H. Cooper	82	Concord	Morgan	48	15	3	2 88	9 00	11 88
Elza Hatfield	83	Naples	Scott	55	15	3	3 30	9 00	12 30
R. G. Haley	84	Columbus	Adams	101	15	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Wm. Hankins	85	Effingham	Effingham	87	15	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
James A. Jones	86	Metropolis	Massac	220	15	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
Walter Roman	87	Nameoki	Madison	89	15	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
Albert M. Jenkins	88	Lacon	Marshall	104	15	3	6 24	9 00	15 42
Geo. S. McLean	89	Princeton	Bureau	127	15	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
John H. Tate	90	Charleston	Coles	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
F. P. Hardy	91	Paris	Edgar	111	15	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
C. W. Rudisill	92	Arcadia	Morgan	40	15	3	2 40	9 00	11 40
James A. Stice	93	Waverly	Morgan	25	15	3	1 50	9 00	10 50
A. F. Herbert	94	Oregon	Ogle	187	15	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
W. R. Wills	95	Pittsfield	Pike	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
James Kinney	96	Toulon	Stark	100	15	3	6 00	9 00	15 60
Guy Blanchard	97	Tamaroa	Perry	127	15	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
Charles Clemons	98	Clinton	DeWitt	44	15	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
Geo. Wise	99	Grayville	White	174	15	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
John T. Sutherland	100	Clayton	Adams	85	15	3	5 10	9 00	14 10
R. M. Neustadt	101	La Salle	LaSalle	126	15	2	7 20	6 00	16 20
W. F. Gmahle	102	Elmwood	Peoria	89	15	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
C. K. Parvin	103	Smithfield	Fulton	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Geo. W. Gelsthorpe	104	Waynesville	DeWitt	45	15	3	2 70	9 00	11 70
James Maitland	105	Sycamore	DeKalb	174	15	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
C. H. Willard	106	Hutsonville	Crawford	143	15	3	8 58	9 00	17 58
John Pearson	107	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
W. J. Warner	108	Centralia	Marion	100	15	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
Oscar B. Champney	109	Peoria	Peoria	64	15	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
Jesse E. Roberts	110	LaGrange	Cook	186	15	3	11 16	9 00	20 16
J. A. Goble	111	Potomac	Vermilion	109	15	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
Samuel N. Flickinger	112	Astoria	Fulton	63	15	3	3 78	9 00	12 78
Thomas Doidge	113	Cheltenham	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
E. S. McQuin	114	Salem	Marion	106	15	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
H. C. Thorn	115	Bridgeport	Lawrence	148	15	3	8 88	9 00	17 88
R. N. Button	116	Greenup	Cumberland	103	15	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
C. W. Steward	117	Shelbyville	Shelby	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
James E. Taylor	118	Hennepin	Putnam	115	15	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
Jacob Buhr	119	Lebanon	St. Clair	115	15	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
Richard E. Gould	120	Fairview	Fulton	77	15	3	4 62	9 00	13 62
F. W. Lukeman	121	Franklin	Morgan	31	15	3	1 86	9 00	10 86
B. F. Henry	122	Vandalia	Fayette	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32

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Henry Burfeind	123	Petersburg	Menard	21	15	3	$1 26	$9 00	$10 26
Alexander Anderson	124	Robinson	Crawford	135	15	3	8 10	9 00	17 10
Bluford Heavner	125	Pearl	Pike	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
E. H. Wilson	126	Farmer City	DeWitt	62	15	3	3 72	9 00	12 72
J. W. Fletcher	127	Urba	Adams	122	15	3	7 32	9 00	16 32
James Porter	128	Kewanee	Henry	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
Charles J. Parker	129	Princeville	Peoria	86	15	3	5 16	9 00	14 16
James Larrabee	130	Wheeler	Jasper	102	15	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
C. W. Shepherd	131	Vandercook	Vermilion	109	15	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
Henry Johnson	132	Murphysboro	Jackson	162	15	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
Henry Swim	133	Moline	Rock Island	159	15	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
A. A. Lambdin	134	Martinsville	Clark	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
Thomas R. Anderson	135	Joppa	Massac	221	15	3	13 26	9 00	22 26
P. C. Stradley	136	Lake Creek	Williamson	181	15	3	10 86	9 00	19 86
A. L. Pixley	137	West Salem	Edwards	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
J. M. Humphrey	138	New Philad'a	McDonough	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
F. A. Ingalls	139	Urbana	Champaign	86	15	3	5 16	9 00	14 16
Mark Jardine	140	Rockford	Winnebago	208	15	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
D. R. Goudie	141	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
W. L. Boutelle	142	Galesburg	Knox	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
S. A. Murdock	143	Havana	Mason	46	17	1	2 76	3 00	5 76
Edward McManus	144	Washington	Tazewell	75	15	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
S. P. Brewster	145	Macomb	McDonough	100	15	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
Frank S. Barker	146	Durand	Winnebago	216	15	3	12 96	9 00	21 96
H. M. Ferrell	147	Tiskilwa	Bureau	119	15	3	7 74	9 00	16 14
M. H. McGrath	148	Fulton	Whiteside	183	15	3	10 98	9 00	19 98
W. B. List	149	Leroy	McLean	71	15	3	4 26	9 00	13 26
W. H. Henn	150	Redmon	Edgar	102	15	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
J. C. Petit	151	Flora	Clay	108	15	3	6 48	9 00	15 48
Clarence Darnell	152	Armington	Tazewell	47	15	3	2 82	9 00	11 82
Walter S. Hartley	153	Little York	Warren	127	15	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
Charles Threshie	154	Dunlap	Peoria	79	15	3	4 74	9 00	13 74
L. P. Larson	155	DeKalb	DeKalb	168	15	3	10 08	9 00	19 08
L. S. Whitcomb	156	Rio	Knox	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
F. C. Brower	157	Melvin	Ford	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
Garrett Wolfe	158	Sullivan	Moultrie	65	15	3	3 90	9 00	12 90
Charles D. Kane	159	Pinckneyville	Perry	138	15	3	8 28	9 00	17 28
Ludwig A. Warner	160	Monmouth	Warren	116	15	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
F. A. Louie	161	Newton	Jasper	110	15	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
H. D. Barrows	162	Newark	Kendall	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
P. S. Hoskins	163	Rutland	LaSalle	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
Charles Morse	164	Savanna	Carroll	210	15	3	12 60	9 00	21 60
Emil H. Adloff	166	Springfield	Sangamon	....	..	..	.....	.....	9 00
James Kogan	169	Allendale	Wabash	172	15	3	10 32	9 00	19 32
F. A. Michaels	170	Raritan	Henderson	110	15	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
Robert McCulloch	171	Piano	Kendall	163	15	3	9 78	9 00	18 78
John C. DeLeon	172	Geneseo	Henry	158	15	3	9 48	9 00	18 48
Phil Schwartz	173	Pecatonica	Winnebago	210	15	3	12 60	9 00	21 60
Ross B. Hull	174	Sterling	Whiteside	171	15	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
James W. McDonald	175	Marengo	McHenry	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
W. J. Harrom	176	Atlanta	Logan	39	15	3	2 34	9 00	11 34
John A. Miles	177	Pocahontas	Bond	87	15	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
Gustav Merkelbach	179	Centralia	Marion	100	15	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
W. N. Rickard	180	Olney	Richland	130	15	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Adolf Falz	181	Sandwich	DeKalb	156	15	3	9 36	9 00	18 36
John H. Glasscock	182	Raleigh	Saline	175	15	3	10 50	9 00	19 50
D. C. Collins	183	Parnell	DeWitt	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
Geo. W. Cline	184	Abingdon	Knox	99	15	3	5 94	9 00	14 94
Wm. Hale	185	Karber's Ridge	Hardin	200	15	3	12 00	9 00	21 00
Chas. M. Lytle	186	Decatur	Macon	38	15	3	2 28	9 00	11 28
M. E. Jones	187	Wheaton	DuPage	183	15	3	10 98	9 00	19 98
Ira N. Shields	188	New Boston	Mercer	151	15	3	9 06	9 00	18 06
Wm. Poynton	189	Carmi	White	159	15	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
C. A. Cook	190	Irving Park	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Samuel M. Blades	191	McLeansboro	Hamilton	149	15	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
C. P. Vanslckle	192	Girard	Macoupin	25	15	3	1 50	9 00	19 50
J. C. Stripe	193	Oquawka	Henderson	139	15	3	8 34	9 00	17 34
R. H. Pilson	194	Lena	Stephenson	210	15	3	11 60	9 00	21 60
R. L. Wylder	195	Greenfield	Greene	54	15	3	3 24	9 00	12 24

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H. T. Seely	196	Chillicothe	Peoria	83	15	3	$4 98	$9 00	$13 98
James W. Allaben	197	Polo	Ogle	175	15	3	10 50	9 00	19 50
James G. Cook	198	Grand Crossing	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. M. Turner	199	Cambridge	Henry	125	15	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
Adam Kumpf	200	Pekin	Tazewell	55	15	3	3 30	9 00	12 30
E. F. Smith	201	Marseilles	LaSalle	125	15	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
Joseph McAfee	202	Litchfield	Montgomery	44	15	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
B. A. Griffith	203	Swan Creek	Warren	101	15	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Geo. J. Brockett	204	Lincoln	Logan	28	15	3	1 68	9 00	10 68
Geo. A. Seeley	205	Prairie City	McDonough	95	15	3	5 70	9 00	14 70
J. B. Dawson	206	Lexington	McLean	74	15	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
T. H. McKinstry	207	Delavan	Tazewell	47	15	3	2 52	9 00	11 52
J. K. Egley	208	Onarga	Iroquois	115	15	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
T. R. Ricker	209	Cortland	DeKalb	171	15	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
Wm. C. Porter	210	Keithsburg	Mercer	142	15	3	8 52	3 00	17 52
Wm. Cornwell	211	Mason	Effingham	89	15	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
J. A. Jones	212	Sandwich	DeKalb	159	15	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
James C. Filson	213	Xenia	Clay	116	15	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
L. R. Bain	214	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Wm. S Omer	215	Camp Point	Adams	91	15	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
W. S. Ervin	216	Loogootee	Fayette	87	15	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
Frederick W. Jackson	217	Oak Park	Cook	193	15	3	11 58	9 00	20 58
Wm. A. Oertlin	218	Kankakee	Kankakee	136	15	3	8 16	9 00	17 16
Fred Grassle	219	Joliet	Will	147	15	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
Joseph Trahin	220	Gillespie	Macoupin	53	15	3	3 18	9 00	12 18
Henry Braumoeller	221	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Fred Schoell	222	Nauvoo	Hancock	140	15	3	8 40	9 00	17 40
Chas. D. Baughman	223	Avon	Fulton	98	15	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
Andrew H. Whitcamp	224	Cairo	Alexander	213	15	3	12 78	9 00	21 78
Ira W. Mullen	225	Sidell	Vermilion	98	15	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
R. T. Patterson	226	Scottville	Macoupin	40	15	3	2 40	9 00	11 40
Frank R. Stubblefield	227	Whitehall	Greene	57	15	3	3 42	9 00	12 42
Wm. Mardis	229	Illinois City	Rock Island	171	15	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
James P. O'Brien	230	Rochelle	Ogle	184	15	3	11 04	9 00	20 04
Chas. Novak	231	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Wm. E. Baker	232	DuQuoin	Perry	136	15	3	8 16	9 00	17 16
J N. Baird	233	Carbondale	Jackson	....	..	..	....	....	....
Alexander Ingles	234	West Jersey	Stark	103	15	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
Ansel Gould	235	Bone Gap	Edwards	158	15	3	9 48	9 00	18 48
Frank G. Owen	236	Aledo	Mercer	144	15	3	8 64	9 00	17 64
Alexander Funkhouser	237	Rantoul	Champaign	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
E. Dinkelman	238	Fernwood	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John Erfert	239	Freeport	Stephenson	197	15	3	11 82	9 00	20 82
John Maxwell	240	Englewood	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John M. Hewes	241	Jonesboro	Union	184	15	3	11 04	9 00	20 04
J. W. Peavler	242	Spring Garden	Jefferson	136	15	3	8 16	9 00	17 16
A. C. Baldwin	243	Jacksonville	Morgan	34	15	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
J. E. King	244	Wyoming	Stark	94	15	3	5 24	9 00	14 64
Charles Umbarger	245	Rossville	Vermilion	130	15	2	7 80	9 00	16 80
T. L. Swangren	246	Maywood	Cook	195	15	3	11 70	6 00	20 70
E. G. Harris	247	Eleroy	Stephenson	204	15	3	12 24	9 00	21 24
A. G. Dulany	248	Six Mile	Wayne	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
Philo Bell	249	Sumner	Lawrence	142	15	3	8 52	9 00	17 52
G. J. Murphy	250	Mound City	Pulaski	204	15	3	12 24	9 00	21 24
Thomas Rickards	251	Belknap	Johnson	209	15	3	12 54	9 00	21 54
John T. Palmer	252	Homer	Champaign	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
A. M. Jones	253	Milford	Iroquois	131	15	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
James G. Fawner	254	Long View	Champaign	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
James W. Thorpe	255	Wapella	DeWitt	50	15	3	3 00	9 00	12 00
David E. Maranville	256	Maquon	Knox	94	15	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
C. Grosinski	257	Morrison	Whiteside	187	15	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
Edward Schreier	258	Bunker Hill	Macoupin	63	15	3	3 78	9 00	12 78
C. F. Spofford	259	Warren	Jo Daviess	220	15	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
Adolf Sumerlin	260	Mattoon	Coles	81	15	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
Rudolph Koehne	261	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
F. O. Shuman	262	Pontiac	Livingston	93	15	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
F. M. Herzog	263	Blandinsville	McDonough	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
C. J. Boucher	264	DeSoto	Jackson	149	15	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
S. S. Noble	265	Bloomington	McLean	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48

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J. T. Knight	266	Stillman Valley	Ogle	206	15	3	$12 36	$9 00	$21 36
Joseph A. Bedford	267	Millersburg	Mercer	149	15	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
Charles H. Schwartz	268	Rochester	Sangamon	7	15	3	42	9 00	9 42
A. L. Slater	269	Elsah	Jersey	87	15	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
C. H. Burke	270	Golden	Adams	....	..	..	....	.....	.....
Albert C. Ebert	271	Colehour	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Nils Howard	272	Compton	Lee	153	15	3	9 18	9 00	18 18
Michael Monicle	273	Bible Grove	Clay	111	15	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
John C. Wilson	274	Moweaqua	Shelby	54	15	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
Isaac N. Ward	275	Grove City	Christian	25	15	3	1 50	9 00	10 50
Charles Taylor	276	Milmine	Piatt	48	15	3	2 88	9 00	11 88
W. N. Barney	277	Milton	Pike	70	15	3	4 20	9 00	13 20
W. T. Pierce	278	Gifford	Champaign	....	..	..	....	.....	.....
R. A. Richards	279	Marlow	Jefferson	130	15	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Freeman King	280	Oraville	Jackson	169	15	3	10 14	9 00	19 14
J. P. Nielsen	281	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Charles H. Merrick	282	Okawville	Washington	132	15	3	7 92	9 00	16 92
J. P. Foster	283	Wenona	Marshall	98	15	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
W. S. Odum	284	Benton	Franklin	155	15	3	9 30	9 00	18 30
James Eccles	285	Red Bud	Randolph	129	15	3	7 74	9 00	16 74
Otto Kilian	286	Mascoutah	St. Clair	117	15	3	7 02	9 00	16 02
C. J. Karney	287	Liberty	Adams	97	15	3	5 82	9 00	14 82
D. J. Harrison	288	Chicago	Cook	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
A. T. Thompson	289	Arcola	Douglas	77	15	3	4 62	9 00	13 62
George A. Bennett	290	Fairbury	Livingston	94	15	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
C. E. Kirkpatrick	291	Anna	Union	176	15	3	10 56	9 00	19 56
Jesse G. Baker	292	Golconda	Pope	220	15	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
J. E. Caswell	293	Mendota	LaSalle	131	15	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
Ezra T. Goble	294	Earlville	LaSalle	138	15	3	8 28	9 00	17 28
John M. Hartwig	295	Peoria	Peoria	64	15	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
George W. Lowden	296	Cabery	Ford	117	15	3	7 02	9 00	16 02
John L. Kirkpatrick	297	Brocton	Edgar	103	15	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
Amos C. Ryan	298	Tonica	LaSalle	109	15	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
C. R. Hunt	299	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
O. M. Scott	300	Mt Zion	Macon	46	15	3	2 76	9 00	11 76
Wm. Bowman	301	Wilmington	Will	132	15	3	7 92	9 00	16 92
H. C. Peeck	302	Ashley	Washington	114	15	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
Fred Doerfler	303	Aurora	Kane	167	15	3	10 02	9 00	19 02
Joseph D. Lees	304	Coal Valley	Rock Island	144	15	3	8 64	9 00	17 64
Christ Scharfenberg	305	Bloomington	McLean	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
V. S. Burky	306	Washington	Tazewell	75	15	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
W. L. Newton	307	Elkhart	Logan	18	15	3	1 08	9 00	10 08
Wm McJenkin	308	Green Valley	Tazewell	....	..	..	....	.....	.....
W. C. Bollman	309	Browning	Schuyler	55	15	3	3 30	9 00	12 30
J. F. Smith	310	Mt. Sterling	Brown	74	15	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
Jesse Kent	311	Eureka	Woodford	83	15	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
G. W. Zimmerman	312	Sparland	Marshall	91	15	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
Jacob Walter	313	Enfield	White	149	15	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
T. B. Pile	314	Maroa	Macon	51	15	3	3 06	9 00	12 06
W. S. Taylor	315	Macedonia	Hamilton	160	15	3	9 60	9 00	18 60
John R. Smith	316	Tuscola	Douglas	71	15	3	4 26	9 00	13 26
A. D. Phillips	317	Butler	Montgomery	52	15	3	3 12	9 00	12 12
W. P. Jones	318	Niantic	Macon	26	15	3	1 56	9 00	10 56
James Matthews	319	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Chas. S. Cody	320	Tremont	Tazewell	69	15	3	4 14	9 00	13 14
Phil C. Schweitzer	321	Galena	Jo Daviess	234	15	3	14 04	9 00	23 04
Frank Krauser	322	Bushnell	McDonough	89	15	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
W. H. Hocker	323	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	14	15	3	84	9 00	9 84
F. M. Smith	324	Vernon	Marion	83	15	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
J. B. Runyan	325	Edgar	Edgar	110	15	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
Philip Leiner	326	Ottawa	LaSalle	118	15	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
Robert Halley	327	Blue Island	Cook	172	15	3	10 32	9 00	19 32
B. E. Freeman	328	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Conrad Bachmann	329	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Frank Strabel	330	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Henry M. Cohen	331	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
E. G. Kerr	332	Nokomis	Montgomery	56	15	3	3 36	9 00	12 36
J. W. Spalding	333	Champaign	Champaign	84	15	3	5 04	9 00	14 04
J. E. Reid	334	Pana	Christian	43	15	3	2 58	9 00	11 58

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A. H. Bain	336	Barry	Pike	83	15	3	$4 98	$9 00	$13 98
Arthur J. Morris	337	Mason City	Mason	34	15	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
Fred C. Hartlob	338	Belleville	St Clair	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
H. H. Postlewait	339	Bell Air	Crawford	126	15	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
Will O. Hatt	340	Vienna	Johnson	203	15	3	12 18	9 00	21 18
Meyer Hexter	341	Ashland	Cass	21	15	3	1 26	9 00	10 26
Thomas L Taylor	342	Carrollton	Greene	65	15	3	3 90	9 00	12 90
W. A. Ridge	343	Douglas	Union	186	15	3	11 16	9 00	20 16
G. W. Thompson	344	Bement	Piatt	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
Nick Scheid	345	Lincoln	Logan	28	15	3	1 68	9 00	10 68
L. J Shambaugh	346	Cerro Gordo	Piatt	48	15	3	2 88	9 00	11 88
C. M. Peters	347	Neoga	Cumberland	84	15	3	5 04	9 00	14 04
S A. Rigg	348	Palmyra	Macoupin	36	15	3	2 16	9 00	11 16
James Reigart	349	Sheldon	Iroquois	135	15	3	8 10	9 00	17 10
W. E. P. Anderson	350	Carlinville	Macoupin	38	15	3	2 28	9 00	11 28
Charles Brown	351	Rockwood	Randolph	..	..		.....	.....	....
Isaac Dyball	352	Albion	Edwards	170	15	3	10 20	9 00	19 20
Gustav N. Burkhardt	353	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Arthur Humphrey	354	Kinmundy	Marion	100	15	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
Jacob Lyons	355	Toledo	Cumberland	98	15	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
J. C. Anderton	356	Lynnville	Morgan	44	15	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
E. Long	357	Quincy	Adams	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
J M. Miner	358	Guthrie	Ford	87	15	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
George Carpenter	359	Elliott	Ford	89	15	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
D. M. Brown	360	Cary	McHenry	209	15	3	12 54	9 00	21 54
Knute Johnson	361	Englewood	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Henry Shoaff	362	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
George W. Mills	363	Williamsville	Sangamon	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
F. C. Edwards	364	Philo	Champaign	81	15	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
L. C. Specht	365	Quincy	Adams	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
Thos. L. Keas	366	Brighton	Macoupin	60	15	3	3 60	9 00	12 60
J. W. Mullens	368	Athensville	Greene	66	15	3	3 96	9 00	12 96
David Allen	369	West Belleville	St. Clair	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Charles V. Bird	370	Yates City	Knox	87	15	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
Frank Bethel	371	Bardolph	McDonough	94	15	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
Uriah Rubendall	372	Orangeville	Stephenson	211	15	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
J. A. Long	373	Fowler	Adams	101	15	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Charles L. Manners	374	East St. Louis	St. Clair	93	15	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
O. S Young	375	Eldorado	Saline	170	15	3	10 20	9 00	19 20
Adam Rheingaus	376	Davis	Stephenson	211	15	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
Wm. Meyer	377	Minonk	Woodford	87	15	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
Alex. Stevenson	378	Spring Valley	Bureau	126	15	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
T. S. Halstead	379	Forrest	Livingston	99	15	3	5 94	9 00	14 94
L. Frank	380	Spring Valley	Bureau	126	15	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
J. H. Fisher	381	Irvington	Washington	106	15	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
A. C. Warren	383	Woodhull	Henry	129	15	3	7 74	9 00	16 74
W. L. Coates	384	Clay City	Clay	115	15	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
Berthold H. Rhein	385	Nashville	Washington	121	15	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
R D. Sisk	386	Harrisburg	Saline	176	15	3	10 56	9 00	19 56
Fred. N. Munsell	387	Chenoa	McLean	82	15	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
Oscar Meister	388	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Ernst F. Martens	389	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Charles Kranz	390	Kankakee	Kankakee	136	15	3	8 16	9 00	17 16
H. H Dicus	391	Streator	LaSalle	102	15	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
Geo. W. Young	392	Marion	Williamson	174	15	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
John W. Vancleve	393	Ozark	Johnson	190	15	3	11 40	9 00	20 40
G. R. Fyke	394	Dix	Jefferson	114	15	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
Peter Schaubert	395	Sandoval	Marion	97	15	3	5 82	9 00	14 82
A. J. Miller	396	Pulley's Mills	Williamson	192	15	3	11 52	9 00	20 52
Cyrus Bristol	397	Opdyke	Jefferson	131	15	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
Ferd Dyckman	398	Chicago	LaSalle	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
A. B. Thompson	400	Bloomington	McLean	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
Wm. J. Jones	401	Flat Rock	Crawford	143	15	3	8 58	9 00	17 58
Martin Andres	402	Maplewood	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John A. Bender	403	Monticello	Piatt	63	15	3	3 78	9 00	12 78
Isaac H. Parker	404	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Rolla B. Thompson	405	Makanda	Jackson	164	15	3	9 84	9 00	18 84
Henry E. Bauer	406	Quincy	Adams	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
John Ludwig	407	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10

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W. H. McElroy	408	Galva	Henry	112	15	3	$6 72	$9 00	$15 72
W. H Babcock	409	Carman	Henderson	128	15	3	7 68	9 00	16 68
W. E Henry	410	Hazel Dell	Cumberland	119	15	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
Edw. Wohlers	411	Mendota	LaSalle	131	15	3	7 86	9 00	16 86
Duane Pennock	412	Carthage	Hancock	114	15	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
J. R. Bennighoff	413	Taylorville	Christian	26	15	3	1 56	9 00	10 56
Samuel Faverty	414	New Holland	Logan	28	15	3	1 68	9 00	10 68
A. T. Fuller	415	Murrayville	Morgan	45	15	3	2 70	9 00	11 70
B. J. Neely	416	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
L. T. Hamilton	417	Grand Tower	Jackson	182	15	3	10 92	9 00	19 92
J. C. Dunham	418	Paxton	Ford	98	15	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
H G. Hodge	419	York	Clark	148	15	3	8 88	9 00	17 88
F. R. Chandler	420	Turner	DuPage	180	15	3	10 80	9 00	19 80
J. E Deterding	421	North Alton	Madison	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Benjamin F. Capps	422	New Hartford	Pike	95	15	3	5 70	9 00	14 70
Wm. R Tripp	423	Greenview	Menard	29	15	3	1 47	9 00	10 74
F. A Ehmer	424	Lanark	Carroll	198	15	3	11 88	9 00	20 88
I. H Scott	425	Allen Springs	Pope	207	15	3	12 42	9 00	21 42
Robert R. Haig	426	Caseyville	St Clair	101	15	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Robert T. Kelly	427	Nebo	Pike	78	15	3	4 68	9 00	13 68
John Hechtner	428	Princeton	Bureau	127	15	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
Andrew C. Dystrup	429	Lemont	Cook	160	15	3	9 60	9 00	18 60
M. F. Frost	430	Kane	Greene	73	15	3	4 38	9 00	13 38
H. P. Gibbs	431	O'Fallon	St Clair	109	15	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
Fred Haensler	432	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. R. Webber	433	Galatia	Saline	175	15	3	10 50	9 00	19 50
J F. Hunter	434	Murphysboro	Jackson	162	15	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
V. H. Wettig	435	East St. Louis	St. Clair	93	15	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
P. E. Fletcher	436	St Elmo	Fayette	81	15	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
George E. Shutt	438	Ramsey	Fayette	60	15	3	3 60	9 00	12 60
J. F. Welson	439	Villa Ridge	Pulaski	200	15	3	12 00	9 00	21 00
James B. Muir	440	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. R. Keel	441	Pawnee	Sangamon	26	15	3	1 56	9 00	10 56
J M. Boicourt	442	Metropolis	Massac	220	15	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
Thomas F Hyde	443	West Liberty	Jasper	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
J W. Davis	444	Hardin	Calhoun	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
Charles Maddox	445	Riverton	Sangamon	7	15	3	42	9 00	9 42
C. A. Swanson	446	Galesburg	Knox	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Andrew Murray	447	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
R. Carris	448	S. Englewood	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Christopher P. Stafford	449	Grafton	Jersey	91	15	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
James Ewing Davis	450	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
George Schuchmann	451	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. W. Stansberry	452	Cobden	Union	171	15	3	10 26	9 00	19 26
J. A. Duker	454	Mt. Pulaski	Logan	24	15	3	1 44	9 00	10 44
S. N. Markel	455	Mackinaw	Tazewell	62	15	3	3 72	9 00	12 72
Wm F. Lehmkuhl	456	Otterville	Jersey	76	15	3	4 56	9 00	13 56
George H. Morris	457	Dallas City	Hancock	134	15	3	8 04	9 00	17 04
W F. Ingels	458	Ripley	Brown	85	15	3	5 10	9 00	14 10
James Galloway	459	Morrisonville	Christian	39	15	3	2 34	9 00	11 34
James Shaw	460	Saybrook	McLean	86	15	3	5 16	9 00	14 16
Charles Baxmann	461	Murphysboro	Jackson	162	15	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
P. B. Thornton	462	Pleasant Hill	Pike	....	..	2	....	.	.....
John B. Hopkins	463	Casner	Macon	47	15	3	2 82	9 00	11 82
Chas Goss	464	Odell	Livingston	103	15	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
Ward M. Carter	465	Springfield	Sangamon	....	15	3	....	9 00	9 00
John Leverett	466	Upper Alton	Madison	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
F. Wm Baeslau	467	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
R. A. Davis	468	Grand Chain	Pulaski	216	15	3	12 96	9 00	21 96
James Barr	469	Newman	Douglas	89	15	2	5 34	6 00	11 34
John P. Becker	470	Middletown	Logan	24	15	3	1 44	9 00	10 44
C. F. Perry	471	Piper City	Ford	104	15	3	6 24	9 00	15 24
John T. Hogan	472	Omaha	Gallatin	164	15	3	9 84	9 00	18 84
R. H. Schindler	473	Sidney	Champaign	86	15	3	5 16	9 00	14 16
Paul Riel	474	Streator	LaSalle	102	15	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
Robert L. Chaney	475	Crab Orchard	Williamson	181	15	3	10 86	9 00	19 86
E. R Steele	476	Raymond	Montgomery	47	15	3	2 82	9 00	11 82
Henry Graf	477	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
F. B. Stockwell	478	Galesburg	Knox	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42

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		Town.	County.						
Geo. S. Oleson	479	Chicago.	Cook	185	15	3	$11 10	$9 00	$20 10
Andrew Breidwieser	480	East St. Louis.	St. Clair	93	15	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
J. D. McLain	481	Arenzville	Cass	53	15	3	3 18	9 00	12 18
John Palmer	482	Noble	Richland	122	15	3	7 32	9 00	16 32
Lee Passwaters	483	Heyworth	McLean	54	15	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
Wm. F. Romoser	484	Chicago.	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
W. A. McBeth	485	Moline	Rock Island	159	15	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
W. D. Karns	486	Dahlgren	Hamilton	139	15	3	8 34	9 00	17 34
B. F. Ervin	487	Jewett	Cumberland	105	15	3	6 30	9 00	15 30
Louis Medalie	488	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. D. Henderson	489	Fithian	Vermilion	104	15	3	6 24	9 00	15 24
Z. D. Hall	490	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
F. F. Frazee	491	Seneca	LaSalle	130	15	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Morris F. Fole	492	Tolono	Champaign	75	15	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
Edward E. Fischer	493	Dixon	Lee	161	15	3	9 66	9 00	18 66
Peter Barr	495	Braidwood	Will	127	15	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
E. D. Palmer	496	Frankfort	Franklin	162	15	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
Louis Banschbach	497	Morrisonville	Christian	39	15	3	2 34	9 00	11 34
Henry F. Depke	499	Danville	Vermilion	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
N. M. Sapp	500	Altamont	Effingham	75	15	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
A. J. Johnson	501	Palmer	Christian	34	15	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
George O. Mitchell	502	Corinth	Williamson	174	15	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
J. W. Kiester	503	Garden Prairie	Boone	201	15	3	12 06	9 00	21 06
H. N. Whitacre	504	Creal Springs	Williamson	184	15	3	11 04	9 00	20 04
Rudolph J. Gipp	505	Auburn Park	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John C. Weigand	506	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Charles W. Scheffel	507	Litchfield	Montgomery	44	15	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
Geo. W. Potter	508	Prophetstown	Whiteside	165	15	3	9 90	9 00	18 90
Wm. Rorke	509	Englewood	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
S. C. Agler	510	Paw Paw	Lee	149	15	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
H. T. Austin	511	Altona	Knox	123	15	3	7 38	9 00	16 38
Grant Huntoon	512	Tower Hill	Shelby	49	15	3	2 94	9 00	11 94
George W. Robinson	513	Dwight	Livingston	111	15	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
Fred H. Vaughn	514	Montgomery	Kane	161	15	3	9 66	9 00	18 66
W. H. Fenton	515	Gardner	Grundy	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
J. J. Baumgartner	516	Bingham	Fayette	66	15	3	3 96	9 00	12 96
Wm. H. Clark	517	Colehour	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. G. Olson	518	New Windsor	Mercer	128	15	3	7 68	9 00	16 68
M. L Hunt	520	Tennessee	McDonough	109	15	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
Hans N. Kudsk	521	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Geo. B. Welborn	522	Woodlawn	Jefferson	121	15	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
B. F. Reichard	523	Marietta	Fulton	80	15	3	4 80	9 00	13 80
Frederick Schlundt	524	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. Frank Mariner	525	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
H. Loveridge	526	Alexis	Warren	128	15	3	7 68	9 00	16 68
D. F. King	527	Ewing College	Franklin	139	15	3	8 34	9 00	17 34
H. A. Hudgens	528	Goreville	Johnson	187	15	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
R. G Johnston	529	Mahomet	Champaign	82	15	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
August Blettner	531	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Troy J. Smith	533	Sato	Jackson	172	15	3	10 32	9 00	19 32
John Beasley	534	Virden	Macoupin	21	15	3	1 26	9 00	10 26
Herbert Phillips	535	Marblehead	Adams	106	15	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
Levi Barton	536	Hollowayville	Bureau	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
W. D. Johnston	537	Roseville	Warren	106	15	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
J. A. Dickinson	538	Catlin	Vermilion	106	15	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
F. W. Mollman	539	New Baden	Clinton	118	15	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
John M. Carter	540	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. F. Stephenson	541	Chrisman	Edgar	106	15	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
N. B. Tyler	542	Gibson City	Ford	82	15	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
C. A. Gish	543	Auburn	Sangamon	15	15	3	90	9 00	9 90
John T. Dougall	544	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John M. Briggs	545	Oakland	Coles	94	15	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
Frank G. Gill	546	Washburn	Woodford	91	15	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
L. G. Schien	547	Alhambra	Madison	....	15	..	.....	.....	.....
H. F. Reynolds	548	Cowden	Shelby	60	15	3	3 60	9 00	12 60
George Ely, Sr.	549	Champaign	Champaign	84	15	3	5 04	9 00	14 04
William Passent	550	Barclay	Sangamon	8	15	3	48	9 00	9 48
John Warfield	551	Independence	Saline	187	15	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
G. E. Bryan	552	Sciota	McDonough	101	15	3	6 06	9 00	15 06

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Samuel B. dams	553	Castleton	Stark	99	15	3	$5 94	$9 00	$14 94
Frank J. Murphy	554	Stronghurst	Henderson	134	15	3	8 04	9 00	17 04
Arthur Oehler	555	Trenton	Clinton	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Benj. Hagle	556	Louisville	Clay	101	15	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Harvey Gall	557	Kenney	DeWitt	36	15	3	2 16	9 00	11 16
J. B. Scudamore	558	Wayne City	Wayne	142	15	3	8 52	9 00	17 52
Joseph T. Record	559	Pesotum	Champaign	81	15	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
I. H. Fields	560	Neponset	Bureau	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
Fred Braun	561	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. W. Ritter	562	Vandalia	Fayette	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Simeon Harris	563	Vermilion	Edgar	118	15	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
W. H. Rush	564	Oakwood	Vermilion	109	15	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
Chas. A. Good	565	Rankin	Vermilion	108	15	3	6 48	9 00	15 48
W. C. Smith	566	Dakota	Stephenson	206	15	3	12 36	9 00	21 36
Chas Jacobus	567	Millstadt	St. Clair	113	15	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
Henry L. Moreland	568	Norris City	White	157	15	3	9 42	9 00	18 42
Wm. Spencer	570	Arrowsmith	McLean	80	15	3	4 80	9 00	13 80
J. T. Worsham	571	Hindsboro	Douglas	88	15	3	5 28	9 00	14 28
John L. Reid	572	Whitefield	Bureau	109	15	3	5 54	9 00	15 54
John A. Leonard	573	Shannon	Carroll	203	15	3	12 18	9 00	21 18
Fred Kreinbrink	574	Blue Island	Cook	172	15	3	10 32	9 00	19 32
J. E. Trekell	575	Buda	Bureau	114	15	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
U. A. Noble	576	Windsor	Shelby	69	15	3	4 14	9 00	13 14
C. L. Eby	577	Monmouth	Warren	116	15	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
W. M. Jones	578	Grand Ridge	LaSalle	110	15	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
C. L. Wilcox	579	Bradford	Stark	103	15	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
M. F. Lewis	580	Ashkum	Iroquois	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
W. H. Confer	581	Lick Creek	Union	174	15	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
Q. M. Moore	582	Parrish	Franklin	162	15	3	9 72	9 00	18 72
Otto C. Johnson	583	Moline	Rock Island	159	15	3	9 54	9 00	18 54
Fred. Maugus	584	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. T. Bliss	585	Hermon	Knox	93	15	3	5 58	9 00	14 58
W. S. Tarbet	586	Iroquois	Iroquois	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....
W. W. Burdsall	587	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
D. M. Fullmer	588	New Athens	St. Clair	122	15	3	7 32	9 00	16 32
M. Killion	589	Mansfield	Piatt	73	15	3	4 38	9 00	13 38
Frank E. Bemiss	590	Rock Falls	Whiteside	170	15	3	10 20	9 00	19 20
Chas. Kilgore	591	Biggsville	Henderson	128	15	3	7 68	9 00	16 68
T. J. Virgin	592	St. Jacob	Madison	118	15	3	7 08	9 00	16 08
John M. Gibbons	593	Lovington	Moultrie	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
John Grandon	594	Rinard	Wayne	115	15	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
Lawrence Tankersley	595	Blue Mound	Macon	52	15	3	3 12	9 00	12 12
G. W. Ruyle	596	Kemper	Jersey	62	15	3	3 72	9 00	12 72
F. H. McMullen	597	Seymour	Champaign	74	15	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
John H. Deming	598	Wataga	Knox	115	15	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
Charles E. Wheeler	599	Cisco	Piatt	54	15	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
A. M. Binkley	600	Warrensburg	Macon	37	15	3	2 22	9 00	11 22
Spencer Ward	601	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
James C. Hunter	602	Streator	LaSalle	102	15	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
Geo. W. Collings	603	Papineau	Iroquois	139	15	3	8 34	9 00	17 34
J. H. Nees	604	Timothy	Cumberland	102	15	3	6 12	9 00	15 12
W. A. Graham	605	Cook's Mills	Coles	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
Mark Quincer	606	Malta	DeKalb	174	15	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
S. A. Unger	607	Crescent City	Iroquois	119	15	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
Jas. F. Van Horn	608	Rock Island	Rock Island	156	15	3	9 36	9 00	18 36
F. W. Troutman	609	Charleston	Coles	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
Richard Maag	610	Pana	Christian	43	15	3	2 58	9 00	11 58
S. Whitehead	611	Tunnel Hill	Johnson	192	15	3	11 52	9 00	20 52
Ira A. Serene	612	Herscher	Kankakee	125	15	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
Adolph I. Goldberg	613	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Henry Brinkerhoff	614	Grandview	Edgar	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
J. D. Reid	615	Eddyville	Pope	207	15	3	12 42	9 00	21 42
A. E. Peasley	616	Terre Haute	Henderson	121	15	3	7 26	9 00	16 26
A. A. Sharp	617	Samoth	Massac	210	15	3	12 60	9 00	21 60
J. E. Shackelton	618	Cornell	Livingston	103	15	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
Oliver M. Ober	619	Elgin	Kane	191	15	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
Geo. H. Nagel	620	Tioga	Hancock	116	15	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
Fred Deegan	621	Pellonia	Massac	226	15	3	13 56	9 00	22 56
Fred Wagner	622	Marissa	St. Clair	130	15	3	7 80	9 00	16 80

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U. G. Koons	623	Hunt City	Jasper	125	15	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
H. C. Trent	624	Port Byron	Rock Island	164	15	3	9 84	9 00	18 84
James R. Horn	625	New Burnside	Johnson	192	15	3	11 52	9 00	20 52
Chas. F. Kirgis	626	Chi'go Heights	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
F. W. Hey	627	Ohio	Bureau	149	15	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
M. Dickerson	628	N. Henderson	Mercer	123	15	3	7 38	9 00	16 38
John McCrea	629	Victoria	Knox	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
Frank Fucik	630	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John L. Morris	631	Edinburg	Christian	17	15	3	1 02	9 00	10 02
James P. Sutton	632	Grape Creek	Vermilion	116	15	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
C. W. McVey	633	Kansas	Edgar	106	15	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
J. A. Kester	634	Farina	Fayette	94	15	3	5 64	9 00	14 64
J. G. Slater	635	Metcalf	Edgar	99	15	3	5 94	9 00	14 94
J. D. Newman	636	Humboldt	Coles	84	15	3	5 04	9 00	14 04
George Lawson, Jr	637	Cable	Mercer	181	15	3	10 86	9 00	19 86
Thomas B. Bollan	638	Minier	Tazewell	54	15	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
Wm. W. Kincaid	639	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Siemon Reitz	640	Wilton Center	Will	146	15	3	8 76	9 00	17 76
B. Hardy	641	Loraine	Adams	125	15	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
Geo. W. Steele	642	Burton	Adams	109	15	3	6 54	9 00	15 54
M. F. Goodman	643	Elco	Alexander	195	15	3	11 70	9 00	20 70
A. G. Russell	644	Westfield	Clark	114	15	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
M. G. Miller	645	Austin	Cook	191	15	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
John J. Swartz	646	Palermo	Edgar	103	15	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
D. L. Hicks	647	Athens	Menard	13	15	3	78	9 00	9 78
C. W. Weise	648	Gilman	Iroquois	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
Bernhard Mueller	649	Woodland	Iroquois	132	15	3	7 92	9 00	16 92
R. A. Mooneyham	650	Belleville	St. Clair	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
A. D. Leamon	651	Falmouth	Jasper	116	15	3	6 96	9 00	15 96
A. G. Edgington	652	Heathsville	Crawford	149	15	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
T. M. Stansbury	653	La Harpe	Hancock	113	15	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
Louis Wolter	654	Marissa	St. Clair	130	15	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Lewis Etherton	655	Etherton	Jackson	....	..	..	....	....	....
R. C. Green	656	Temple Hill	Pope	218	15	3	13 08	9 00	22 08
J. B. Brown	657	Lafayette	Stark	104	15	3	6 90	9 00	15 24
Wm. Wallace	658	Humboldt Park	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. W. Johnson	659	Bellflower	McLean	71	15	3	4 26	9 00	13 26
C. H. Herbert	660	Monee	Will	158	15	3	9 48	9 00	18 48
W. S. Duff	661	Westville	Vermilion	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
Vencel Muzik	662	Fort Sheridan	Lake	209	15	3	12 54	9 00	21 54
D. B. Link	663	Foxville	Marion	115	15	3	6 90	9 00	15 90
John H. Meyers	664	Paris	Edgar	111	15	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
Isaac. R. Gardner	665	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. M. Bilski	666	Chicago Lawn	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Joel E. Garman	667	Forreston	Ogle	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. L. Farrington	668	East Peoria	Tazewell	64	15	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
Frank Frey	669	Depue	Bureau	....	..	..	....	....	....
John Barnes	670	Good Hope	McDonough	98	15	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
N. F. Keim	671	Findlay	Shelby	69	15	3	4 14	9 00	13 14
Matt Wright	672	Ava	Jackson	158	15	3	9 48	9 00	18 48
R. E. Huffman	673	Evanston	Cook	197	15	3	11 82	9 00	20 82
Wm. H. Bush	674	Ferris	Hancock	119	15	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
Jacob Breckenmaker	675	Kirkwood	Warren	122	15	3	7 32	9 00	16 32
I. W. Lewis	676	Alto Pass	Union	173	15	3	10 38	9 00	19 38
W. T. Wirick	677	Stanford	McLean	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
M. H. Purkhiser	678	Ridge Farm	Vermilion	111	15	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
Wm. McGahey	679	Braceville	Grundy	124	15	3	7 44	9 00	16 44
W. C. Roodhouse	681	Roodhouse	Greene	54	15	3	3 24	9 00	12 24
Rudolph Priessman	682	Basco	Hancock	119	15	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
Abraham Cornick	683	Assumption	Christian	52	15	3	3 12	9 00	12 12
Wm. H. Miller	684	Colona	Henry	147	15	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
A. B. Barker	685	Staunton	Macoupin	58	15	3	3 48	9 00	12 48
Geo. E. Blodgett	686	Orion	Henry	137	15	3	8 22	9 00	17 22
F. E. Florey	687	Macon	Macon	48	15	3	2 88	9 00	11 88
John M. Clark	688	Rockbridge	Greene	59	15	3	3 54	9 00	12 54
J. G. Beck	689	Rockford	Winnebago	208	15	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
E. M. Golden	690	Beecher City	Effingham	66	15	3	3 96	9 00	12 96
Frederick Jung	691	Elgin	Kane	191	15	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
H. S. Einire	692	Hutton	Coles	98	15	3	5 88	9 00	14 88

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		Town.	County.						
Edmund R. Polk	693	LaGrange	Cook	185	15	3	$11 10	$9 00	$20 10
John F. Eddings	694	Iuka	Marion	114	15	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
Richard Brunt	696	South Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Lewis Herold	697	Hamilton	Hancock	126	15	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
Samuel Shugerman	698	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. C. Schuman	699	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Geo. Gonterman	700	Forsyth	Macon	43	15	3	2 58	9 00	11 58
Alfred Bloyd	702	Bluffs	Scott	52	15	3	3 12	9 00	12 12
James Kelley	703	Carterville	Williamson	165	15	3	9 9	9 00	18 90
Wm. H. Swayze	704	Fisher	Champaign	81	15	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
Walter Watterson	705	Strawn	Livingston	91	15	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
J. J. Carey	706	Harvel	Montgomery	44	15	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
Christ Weidler	707	Mt Olive	Macoupin	50	15	3	3 00	9 00	12 00
I. M. Kuebler	708	Palatine	Cook	211	15	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
O. M Foltz	709	Owaneco	Christian	34	15	3	2 04	9 00	11 04
Joseph Patterson	710	Walnut Hill	Marion	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Edward Gallagher	711	Woodson	Morgan	41	15	3	2 46	9 00	11 46
J. M. Williams	712	Trilla	Coles	91	15	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
J. J. Nicholson	713	Dalson	Clark	144	15	3	8 64	9 00	17 64
Thomas Terrill	714	Colchester	McDonough	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
H. L. Wilhoit	715	Colfax	McLean	77	15	3	4 62	9 00	13 62
Lewis Pickett	716	Pullman	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Samuel G. Brown	717	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Geo E. Watson	718	Batavia	Kane	174	15	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
R. M. Smith	719	Venice	Madison	94	15	3	5 40	9 00	14 40
P. E. Gerber	720	Argenta	Macon	49	15	3	2 94	9 00	11 94
J. W. Allison	721	Essex	Kankakee	126	15	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
William Bachmann	722	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. B. Harrison	723	Antioch	Lake	240	15	3	14 40	9 00	23 40
S I Davis	724	Litchfield	Montgomery	44	15	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
H. E. Shepherd	725	Hume	Edgar	95	15	3	5 70	9 00	14 70
A. Bartholomew	726	Table Grove	Fulton	76	15	3	4 56	9 00	13 56
J. M. Allyn	727	Modesto	Macoupin	33	15	3	1 98	9 00	10 98
John A. Smith	728	Saunemin	Livingston	105	15	3	6 3	9 00	15 30
E. W. Dickson	730	Hampshire	Kane	205	15	3	12 30	9 00	21 30
S. J. Pulley	731	Stonefort	Saline	191	15	3	11 46	9 00	20 46
John W. Buck	732	Friendsville	Wabash	174	15	3	10 44	9 00	19 44
J. W. Reynolds	733	Sibley	Ford	91	15	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
John Conlon	734	London Mills	Fulton	88	15	3	5 28	9 00	14 28
Samuel Mathers	735	Bethalto	Madison	74	15	3	4 44	9 00	13 44
H. L. Von Lienen	736	Mitchelleville	Saline	187	15	3	11 22	9 00	20 22
Sidney Bagley	737	Brownstown	Fayette	79	15	3	4 74	9 00	13 74
Henry A. Umbarger	739	Pilot	Vermilion	112	15	3	6 72	9 00	15 72
George F. Miller	740	Deland	Piatt	61	15	3	3 66	9 00	12 66
P. A. Cunningham	741	Ransom	LaSalle	110	15	3	6 60	9 00	15 60
O. E. Gibson	742	Arthur	Douglas	69	15	3	4 14	9 00	13 14
M. F. Pierce	743	Huntsville	Schuyler	103	15	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
Thomas Poor	744	Rose Hill	Jasper	114	15	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
Faank W. Kasher	745	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
W. C. Smith	746	McLean	McLean	44	15	3	2 64	9 00	11 64
John F. Emrick	747	Casey	Clark	113	15	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
Jas M. Endicott	748	Crossville	White	166	15	3	9 96	9 00	18 96
R. W. Creech	749	Bethany	Moultrie	57	15	3	3 42	9 00	12 42
A. F. Beidelman	750	Downers Grove	DuPage	179	15	3	10 74	9 00	19 74
Wm Kinsey	751	Cummings	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Peter S. Spenny	752	Cuba	Fulton	67	15	3	4 02	9 00	13 02
J. P Casteel	753	Hettick	Macoupin	42	15	3	2 52	9 00	11 52
A. P. Hauschild	756	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Henry Hinds	757	Kinderhook	Pike	89	15	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
A. L. Ham	758	Browns	Edwards	165	15	3	9 90	9 00	18 90
J. C. Kabrick	759	Plainville	Adams	95	15	3	5 70	9 00	14 70
Hiram Grubbs	760	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. G. Stovall	761	Atwood	Piatt	64	15	3	3 84	9 00	12 84
R. H. Dodge	762	Ancona	Livingston	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milton S Bolender	763	Rock Grove	Stephenson	208	15	3	12 48	9 00	21 48
Peter Miller	764	Montrose	Effingham	97	15	3	5 82	9 00	14 82
James A. Steele	765	Berwick	Warren	107	15	3	6 42	9 00	15 42
Joseph Cherry	766	Hegewisch	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
L. Z. Pierce	767	Hebron	McHenry	231	15	3	13 86	9 00	22 86

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A. V. Pierce	768	Genoa	DeKalb	185	15	3	$11 10	$9 00	$20 10
Frank Dewey	769	Union	McHenry	211	15	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
Chas. D. Smith	770	Pleasant Plains	Sangamon	16	15	3	96	9 00	9 96
George Marland	771	Momence	Kankakee	147	15	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
S. G. Walker	773	West Union	Clark	145	15	3	8 70	9 00	17 70
Martin Westerlin	774	Allerton	Vermilion	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
E. P. McMurran	775	Smithboro	Bond	73	15	3	4 38	9 00	13 38
B. E. Cornwell	776	Capron	Boone	213	15	3	12 78	9 00	21 78
G. W. Berry	777	Anchor	McLean	81	15	3	4 86	9 00	13 86
Geo. S. Adams	778	Atlas	Pike	90	15	3	5 40	9 00	14 40
F. J. King	779	Williamsfield	Knox	114	15	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
E. L. Bower	780	Seaton	Mercer	134	15	3	8 04	9 00	17 04
John A. Pool	781	Vergennes	Jackson	148	15	3	8 88	9 00	17 88
Fred P. F. Clark	782	Kensington	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
T. T. Jones	783	Normal	McLean	60	15	3	3 60	9 00	12 60
W. H. Smith	784	Rose Bud	Pope	218	15	3	13 08	9 00	22 08
Simon R. Graves	785	Wellington	Iroquois	....	..	..	....	....	....
Riley Siever	786	Cameron	Warren	114	15	3	6 84	9 00	15 84
Chas. H. Duncan	787	LaPlace	Piatt	....	..	..	....	....	....
C. H. Brown	789	Pulaski	Pulaski	197	15	3	11 82	9 00	20 82
Wm. Reichard	790	Yale	Jasper	127	15	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
James Watts	791	Fairland	Douglas	83	15	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
J. R. Guthrie	792	Ashmore	Coles	101	15	3	6 06	9 00	15 06
Wm. R. White	793	Waukegan	Lake	220	15	3	13 20	9 00	22 20
E. R. Hamm	794	Dewey	Champaign	85	15	3	5 10	9 00	14 10
W. H. Stewart	795	Secor	Woodford	83	15	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
Geo. B. Zeigler	796	Cheneyville	Vermilion	126	15	3	7 56	9 00	16 56
Isaac Stearnes	798	Pomona	Jackson	....	..	..	....	....	....
Royal J. Bills	800	Clyde	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Thomas Wood	801	Princeton	Bureau	127	15	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
Geo W. Ledgerwood	802	Union Church	Union	184	15	3	11 04	9 00	20 04
J. H. Colver	803	Ladd	Bureau	130	15	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
J. F. Blakeslee	804	Utica	LaSalle	125	15	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
P. O. Bryant	805	Parkville	Champaign	85	15	3	5 10	9 00	14 10
Jacob Rasmussen	806	Bureau	Bureau	111	15	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
James L. Wright	807	Bogota	Jasper	111	15	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
H. E. Curtis	808	Sheffield	Bureau	134	15	3	8 04	9 00	17 04
Harry Van Gundy	809	Ellsworth	McLean	75	15	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
Wm. S. Stauffer	810	Fish Hook	Pike	82	15	3	4 92	9 00	13 92
J. B. McDowell	811	Boaz	Massac	....	..	..	....	....	....
Wm. S. Hussander	812	Chicago	Warren	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Thos. Wearmouth	813	Youngstown	Warren	99	15	3	5 94	9 00	14 94
Geo. W. Lackey	814	Lawrenceville	Lawrence	152	1	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
Henry C. Ost	815	Gray's Lake	Lake	....	..	..	....	....	....
Judson C. Shear	816	Thawville	Iroquois	103	15	3	6 18	9 00	15 18
Alvin H. Hawes	817	West Pullman	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
C. A. Drury	819	El Paso	Woodford	76	15	3	4 56	9 00	13 56
D. T. Allard	820	St Anne	Kankakee	144	15	3	8 64	9 00	17 64
I. S. Mick	821	Rock Creek	Hardin	196	15	3	11 76	9 00	20 76
Israel Fireman	822	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. S. French	823	Yantisville	Shelby	67	15	3	4 02	9 00	13 02
J. W. Riley	824	Cave-in-Rock	Hardin	202	15	3	12 12	9 00	21 12
Grant Womer	825	Woodlawn P'k	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
T. J. Baty	826	Palestine	Crawford	142	15	3	8 52	9 00	17 52
Wm. Moulic	827	Percy	Randolph	152	15	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
Samuel Wright	829	Lindenwood	Ogle	192	15	3	11 52	9 00	20 52
Francis M Kelley	830	Elkville	Jackson	143	15	3	8 58	9 00	17 58
R J. Wiggins	831	Crawford	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
O E. Ray	832	Poplar Grove	Boone	211	15	3	12 66	9 00	21 66
Jas. C. Wilson, Sr	833	Cooksville	McLean	71	15	3	4 26	9 00	13 26
Andrew White	834	Baylis	Pike	75	15	3	4 50	9 00	13 50
J. M. Cochennour	835	Mill Shoals	White	138	15	3	8 28	9 00	17 28
S. R. Elliott	836	Coatsburg	Adams	98	15	3	5 88	9 00	14 88
Clerk Tilbury	837	Towanda	McLean	....	..	..	....	....	....
N. A. Frier	838	Shawneetown	Gallatin	....	..	..	....	....	....
Geo. Ohse	839	Yorkville	Kendall	155	15	3	9 30	9 00	18 30
J. W. Shauer	840	East Dubuque	Jo Daviess	251	15	3	15 06	9 00	24 06
Wm. F. Ginter	841	Peotone	Will	152	15	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
E. W. Bright	842	Foosland	Champaign	79	15	3	4 74	9 00	13 74

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W. H. Riley	843	Ridgway	Gallatin	171	15	3	$10 26	$9 00	$19 26
G. C. Guthrie	844	West Point	Hancock	124	15	3	7 44	9 00	16 44
Andrew Cook	845	Danvers	McLean	70	15	3	4 20	9 00	13 20
J. B. Craig	846	Ingraham	Clay	111	15	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
Wm. V. Riddern	847	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. M. Adams	848	Wanlock	Mercer	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
John Nelch	849	New City	Sangamon	13	15	3	78	9 60	9 78
G. M. Brubaker	850	Oblong	Crawford	125	15	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
J. W. Hunter	851	Beverly	Adams	91	15	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
Henry Fossick	852	Granite City	Madison	92	15	3	5 52	9 00	14 52
A. W. Knight	853	Armstrong	Vermilion	106	15	3	6 36	9 00	15 36
Jno. M. Walker	854	Olmsted	Pulaski	223	15	3	13 38	9 00	22 38
C. J. Sandlin	855	Enterprise	Wayne	125	15	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
W. H. Bryant	856	Joliet	Will	147	15	3	8 82	9 00	17 82
L. A. Busic	857	Hudson	McLean	67	15	3	4 02	9 00	13 02
Geo E. Storms	858	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
J. H. Cline	859	Cisne	Wayne	119	15	3	7 14	9 00	16 14
R. W. Nichols	860	Patoka	Marion	87	15	3	5 22	9 00	14 22
H. M. Stokes	861	McNoel	Massac	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
John Moroff	862	Bradley	Kankakee	138	15	3	8 28	9 00	17 28
W. M. Boaz	863	Johnsonville	Wayne	125	15	3	7 50	9 00	16 50
Geo. F. Warner	864	Bowen	Hancock	100	15	3	6 00	9 00	15 00
H. G. Schneider	865	Hopedale	Tazewell	50	15	3	3 00	9 00	12 00
Elijah Harris	866	Odin	Marion	111	15	3	6 66	9 00	15 66
J. S Zimmerle	867	Grant Park	Kankakee	152	15	3	9 12	9 00	18 12
C. M. Loomis	868	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
James Agrue	869	Winterrowd	Effingham	113	15	3	6 78	9 00	15 78
Geo. Hayward	870	Aurora	Kane	167	15	3	10 02	9 00	19 02
E. W. Lewis	871	Avondale	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
W. Y. Stewart	872	Payson	Adams	130	15	3	7 80	9 00	16 80
Edward Hixson	873	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Geo. B Dodds	874	Carrier Mills	Saline	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
John Parker	875	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
E. S. Winks	876	Alma	Marion	123	15	3	7 38	9 00	16 38
A. J. Dougherty	877	Mendon	Adams	127	15	3	7 62	9 00	16 62
Chas. W. Singer	878	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Henry C. Coker	879	Keyesport	Clinton	84	15	3	5 04	9 00	14 04
E. H. Cook	880	Huntley	McHenry	203	15	3	12 18	9 00	21 18
W. N. Eisele	881	New Berlin	Sangamon	17	15	3	1 02	9 00	10 02
James Rosa	882	Hamburg	Calhoun	89	15	3	5 34	9 00	14 34
T. C. Peebles	883	Detroit	Pike	83	15	3	4 98	9 00	13 98
E. E. Burton	884	Willow Hill	Jasper	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20
Wm. Baugh	885	Dawson	Sangamon	11	15	3	66	9 00	9 66
M. F. Cramer	886	Hidalgo	Jasper	120	15	3	7 20	9 00	16 20

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CREDENTIALS.									
Samuel E. Erickson	479	Chicago	Cook	185	14	4	$11 10	$12 00	$23 10
W. H. Hall	46	Edwardsville	Madison	74	14	4	4 44	12 00	16 44
Isaac Golden	822	Chicago	Cook	185	14	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
STATE OF THE ORDER.									
R. K. Dewey, P. G. W.	3	Greenville	Bond	77	14	4	4 62	12 00	16 62
J. L. Barnum, P. G. M.	9	Chicago	Cook	185	14	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
W. F. Holt	870	Aurora	Kane	167	14	4	10 02	12 00	22 02
A. M. Houser	613	Chicago	Cook	185	14	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
J. J. Brown	122	Vandalia	Fayette	72	14	4	4 32	12 00	16 32
LEGISLATION.									
George F. Howard, P. G. M	664	Paris	Edgar	111	14	4	6 66	12 00	18 66
A. L. Fyfe	416	Chicago	Cook	185	14	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
H. C. Feltman, P. G. R	114	Salem	Marion	106	14	4	6 36	12 00	18 36
F. W. Latimer	184	Abingdon	Knox	99	14	4	5 94	12 00	17 94
D. R. Anderson	75	Morris	Grundy	140	14	4	8 40	12 00	20 40
REBEKAH DEGREE.									
Henry A. Stone, P. G M	562	Vandalia	Fayette	72	14	4	4 32	12 00	16 32
Willis Melville	693	Chicago	Cook	185	14	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
G. E. Dieckmann	562	Vandalia	Fayette	72	15	3	4 32	9 00	13 32
MILEAGE AND PER-DIEM.									
N. D. Calkins	190	Irving Park	Cook	185	14	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
Carl Lager	172	Geneseo	Henry	158	15	3	9 48	9 00	18 48
H. W. Pemberton	433	Galatia	Saline	175	15	3	10 50	9 00	19 50
L. W. Fribourg	65	Decatur	Macon	38	15	3	2 28	9 00	11 28
Edward Craig	352	Albion	Edwards	170	15	3	10 20	9 00	19 20
Thomas Wood	801	Princeton	Bureau	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
J. Wilson Jones	191	McLeansboro	Hamilton	149	15	3	8 94	9 00	17 94
Theo. Weberling	34	Peru	LaSalle	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
James Eccles	285	Red Bud	Randolph	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
A. M. Jones	253	Milford	Iroquois	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
J. J. Lyell	558	Wayne City	Wayne	142	15	3	8 52	9 00	17 52
RAILROADS									
F. J. Heinl	243	Jacksonville	Morgan	34	14	4	2 04	12 00	14 04
Alonzo Ellwood, P. G. M.	105	Sycamore	DeKalb	174	14	4	10 44	12 00	22 44
C. D. Brainard	21	Peoria	Peoria	64	14	4	3 44	12 00	15 84
PRINTING.									
John R Camp	322	Bushnell	McDonough	89	14	4	5 31	12 00	17 34
J. R. Kewley	450	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Sven Windrow	812	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
H. Dinkelman	488	Chicago	Cook	185	15	3	11 10	9 00	20 10
Geo. W. Cyrus	215	Camp Point	Adams	91	15	3	5 46	9 00	14 46
ORPHANS' HOME DIRECTORY.									
T. B. Needles, P. G. M	37	Nashville	Washington	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
J. W. Yantis	117	Shelbyville	Shelby	58	14	4	3 48	12 00	15 48
W. R. Humphrey	240	Chicago	Cook	185	14	4	11 10	12 00	23 10
Geo. C. Rankin, P. G. M.	160	Monmouth	Warren	160	14	4	9 60	12 00	21 60
J. O. Humphrey, P. G. M.	465	Springfield	Sangamon	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
TRUSTEES OF OLD FOLKS' HOME									
W. R. Jewell	69	Danville	Vermilion	112	14	4	6 72	12 00	18 72
Henry A. Stone, P. G. M	562	Vandalia	Fayette	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
Chas. M. Lytle	186	Decatur	Macon	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....
C. F. Mansfield, P. G. M	589	Mansfield	Piatt	73	14	4	4 38	12 00	16 38
Julius H. Raible	2	Alton	Madison	72	14	4	4 32	12 00	16 32

SUMMARY OF THE FOREGOING TABLE.

Number of Grand Officers present	12
Number of Representatives present	823
Number of Lodges not represented	40
Number of Lodges defunct	23
Number of Committeemen present	45
Number of Committeemen not Representatives present	37
Number of miles traveled both ways	212,914
Number of miles traveled one way	106,457
Number of Days' Attendance	2,639
Amount of mileage at 6 cents per mile one way	$6,387 42
Amount of per-diem at $3.00 per day	$7,917 00
Total expense of Grand Lodge for mileage and per-diem, session of 1898	$14,304 42

TELEGRAPHIC CIPHER AND KEY.

HOUSE.—Is in our city, holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, and asking of us financial assistance.

FUNDS.—Shall we aid him, and draw on you to the extent of .....?

CASH.—Is in our city asking financial assistance, and claims membership in your Lodge in good standing.

RIVER.—Has your Lodge a member in good standing by the name of ....?

BOAT.—He is an expelled member and has not been in good standing for .....

WHITE.—We don't know any such party, and he does not belong to our Lodge.

GRIP.—Draw on us for the amount of expenses incurred.

CAUTION.—Look out for a fraud named ....

SECRETARY.—He has a fraudulent Card.

FINAL.—A member of your Lodge died here.

BLACK.—He is a fraud, and if he has a Card or other papers from this Lodge they are forgeries.

RED.—Holding a Visiting Card from your Lodge, died here.

GREEN.—Wire instructions to us at once as to the disposition of his remains.

YELLOW.—Is in our city and very sick. Claims membership in your Lodge. Shall we give him attendance on your account?

PURPLE.—We think best to bury him there.

LODGE.—Forward remains to this place by .....

REGALIA.—Assist him and we will honor draft to the extent of .....

HELP.—Will your Lodge pay nurse hire, and how much per day?

ABSTRACT OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE FOR THE YEAR END-

Lodges whose names are in SMALL CAPITALS work in the German language.
The names of Defunct, Closed and Consolidated Lodges are printed in *italics*.
* Praha Lodge, No. 231, and Palacky, No 630, work in the Bohemian language.
† Lodges whose nanes are thus marked are within the corporate limits of the City of Chicago,

Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1897.	Initiated	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1898.	Rejected.	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Western Star	1	Alton	Madison	Wed.	117	5	1	3	..	..	..	8	..	2	116	..	36	14
GERMANIA	2	Alton	Madison	Mon.	72	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	66	..	27	8
Clark	3	Greenville	Bond	Tues.	74	5	1	1	..	1	..	5	..	..	75	..	26	10
Illini	4	Jacksonville	Morgan	Tues.	291	15	3	2	1	..	..	4	..	3	303	..	58	37
Wildey	5	Galena.	JoDaviess	Mon.	79	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	76	..	36	18
Sangamon	6	Springfield	Sangamon	Tues.	191	17	5	2	1	..	..	12	..	2	200	3	38	25
Jefferson	7	Canton	Fulton	Thur.	137	14	1	2	..	..	..	19	1	..	134	1	16	18
Adelphi	8	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	195	10	1	..	1	..	..	13	1	1	190	..	17	15
Union	9	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	114	3	63	1	1	..	..	26	..	2	152	..	39	9
Lake View	10	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	75	5	2	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	73	..	19	6
Duane	11	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	141	2	..	1	1	..	..	15	..	2	126	..	29	15
Quincy	12	Quincy	Adams	Tues.	114	2	1	..	..	..	..	11	..	2	104	..	40	17
Marion	13	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	Tues.	87	6	4	..	1	..	..	4	..	2	90	2	45	10
St. Charles	14	St. Charles	Kane	Fri.	87	8	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	94	1	29	8
Olive Branch	15	Canton	Fulton	Fri.	234	4	3	..	1	..	..	8	..	1	231	..	56	30
Ark	16	Beardstown	Cass	Tues	99	..	1	..	1	1	..	4	..	1	93	..	34	13
Galena	17	Galena	JoDaviess	Sat.	44	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	40	..	22	8
Rock Island	18	Rock Island	Rock Island	Mon.	163	8	..	1	2	..	..	10	..	2	158	..	53	13
Hebron	19	Equality	Gallatin	Sat.	34	4	1	2	2	..	..	5	..	..	34	..	20	2
Prairie	20	Birds	Lawrence	Sat.	32	3	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	33	..	7	9
Columbia	21	Peoria	Peoria	Tues.	128	10	4	1	..	..	..	18	..	1	121	..	33	9
Excelsior	22	Chicago	Cook	Tues	104	3	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	104	1	39	..
Desplaines	23	Lockport	Will	Mon.	43	3	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	40	..	23	7
Friendship	24	Rushville	Schuyler	Wed.	117	6	2	1	..	..	..	5	..	2	119	2	24	14
Neilson	25	Troy	Madison	Sat.	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	40	..	26	7
Berry	26	Berry	Sangamon	Sat.	29	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	27	..	..	2
Waterloo	27	Waterloo	Monroe	Tues.	54	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	52	..	15	5
Big Thunder	28	Belvidere	Boone	Sat.	94	5	3	..	1	..	..	6	1	2	92	..	27	10
Powhan	29	Joliet	Will	Wed.	148	9	5	..	1	..	..	4	..	2	155	1	32	11
Winnesheik	30	Freeport	Stephenson	Wed.	65	6	3	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	69	..	33	6
Winnebago	31	Rockford	Winnebago	Mon.	82	5	8	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	93	..	28	10
Fairfield	32	Fairfield	Wayne	Tues	91	14	2	5	1	..	..	5	..	..	106	..	18	12
Hardin	33	Elizabeth	JoDaviess	Wed.	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	18	4
Mokena	34	Peru	LaSalle	Mon.	82	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	81	..	30	11
Wabash	35	Mt. Carmel	Wabash	Tues	66	8	2	..	1	..	..	6	..	3	66	..	26	7
Marquette	36	Quincy	Adams	Mon.	105	3	..	..	..	1	..	11	..	2	94	..	35	16
Na-hville	37	Nashville	Washington	Tues.	16	10	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	22	..	10	..
Erie	38	Carlyle	Clinton	Tues.	29	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	30	..	12	1
Dixon	39	Dixon	Lee	Tues	49	6	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	56	..	23	2
Montgomery	40	Hillsboro	Montgomery	Mon.	39	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	31	..	17	4
Ottawa	41	Ottawa	LaSalle	Thur.	58	6	8	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	68	..	37	3
Lake City	42	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	96	10	2	..	..	1	..	10	..	1	96	2	18	10
Madison	43	Collineville	Madison	Sat.	109	4	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	109	..	35	13
Memento	44	Farmington	Fulton	Tues.	77	3	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	76	..	20	9
Waubonsie	45	Aurora	Kane	Wed.	219	21	2	1	5	..	..	17	..	1	220	..	32	18
Edwardsville	46	Edwardsville	Madison	Mon.	97	8	2	1	..	..	..	3	..	2	103	4	43	11
Kane	47	Elgin	Kane	Tues.	135	..	2	3	2	..	..	14	..	..	124	..	29	10
Covenant	48	Pekin	Tazewell	Mon.	78	4	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	81	..	32	18
Bethel	49	Chapin	Morgan	Thur	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	16	..	10	2
Carroll	50	Mt. Carroll	Carroll	Mon.	113	8	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	1	114	1	53	23
Fulton	51	Lewistown	Fulton	Mon.	41	..	..	2	1	1	..	10	..	..	31	1	14	2
Sparta	52	Sparta	Randolph	Tues.	51	7	..	3	1	..	..	6	..	..	54	1	18	9
Jerseyville	53	Jerseyville	Jersey	Thur.	86	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	89	..	47	6
Empire	54	Elizabethtown	Hardin	Sat.	39	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	45	..	22	8
Chicago	55	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	93	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	98	..	22	11
Elysian	56	Mt. Morris	Ogle	Wed.	21	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	22	..	9	1
Chester	57	Chester	Randolph	Mon.	48	10	1	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	57	..	22	5
ROBERT BLUM	58	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	148	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	5	139	..	52	18
Rock River	59	Rockton	Winnebago	*Closd*	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
Guardian	60	Woodstock	McHenry	Mon.	49	8	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	51	..	16	3

LODGES TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.,
ING MARCH 31, 1898.

but located in the suburbs named.

Weeks' Benefits Paid.	W. F. Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of W. Families.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Paid Special Relief.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.	Receipts for Dues.	Receipts for Initiations, etc.	From Interest and Rents.	Receipts from other Sources.	Expenditures.	Net Worth of Lodge.
191	2	$496 00	$25 00	.....	$65 55	$100 00	$686 55	1254 23	$500 50	$93 50	$235 90	$424 33	1333 09	$6402 28
39	1	156 00	25 00	.....	13 10	237 00	431 10	684 85	553 90	50 80	.....	80 15	693 13	3544 65
29	1	87 00	9 18	.....	7 00	.....	103 18	1057 37	309 22	75 00	472 40	200 75	1282 05	2989 17
263	6	714 00	109 90	.....	74 50	1231 50	2129 90	4008 12	1512 65	246 00	1068 02	1181 45	2890 59	16504 09
191	1	516 00	26 00	.....	140 00	50 00	732 00	647 15	503 60	14 00	126 00	3 55	850 35	3882 51
148	1	432 00	25 00	.....	227 50	80 00	764 50	1857 25	963 25	308 40	447 05	138 55	1864 01	6040 10
63	..	311 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	311 00	917 80	626 30	189 90	101 60	.....	549 10	2079 65
62	..	301 00	.....	.....	16 00	.....	317 00	1603 12	1099 50	190 00	150 00	163 62	1114 74	4002 72
140	1	591 00	14 00	.....	12 50	168 00	785 50	1293 60	870 51	84 50	21 00	317 59	1062 35	.....
17	..	71 00	.....	.....	20 00	144 90	235 90	760 05	394 85	95 50	.....	269 70	429 52	1876 51
104	..	194 00	.....	.....	56 50	78 05	328 55	1311 25	726 00	25 00	480 00	80 25	1051 55	5089 65
100	2	418 00	10 00	.....	12 00	160 00	600 00	1527 85	632 95	26 00	568 05	300 85	1492 35	6534 10
51	4	153 00	27 54	.....	90 45	60 00	330 99	1706 00	457 75	91 00	829 85	327 40	2954 70	12262 86
31	..	91 00	.....	.....	23 00	.....	114 00	883 13	342 32	162 00	370 11	8 70	600 52	2990 43
227	..	1268 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	1279 00	3673 63	1465 25	157 00	2047 23	4 15	3504 43	14114 72
30	..	90 00	.....	.....	12 00	15 50	117 50	1479 07	516 76	17 00	760 25	185 06	489 16	16091 71
25	..	100 00	.....	.....	55	.....	100 55	249 00	42 00	204 05	.....	2 95	215 01	2230 59
106	1	256 00	5 00	.....	54 75	570 00	885 75	2048 51	733 55	121 00	330 50	863 46	1685 42	3246 71
6	..	12 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	17 00	199 65	125 30	71 85	2 50	.....	83 58	867 32
25	..	160 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	160 00	174 80	128 10	41 70	5 00	.....	170 00	....
30	..	150 00	.....	.....	182 40	59 75	392 15	1058 50	640 85	261 00	.....	156 65	1183 90	2683 24
85	2	417 00	56 57	.....	130 20	295 60	899 37	1973 00	1033 50	93 00	672 72	173 78	1960 12	22988 47
37	..	161 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	163 00	518 00	208 50	73 00	111 50	125 00	373 23	1131 93
59	..	177 00	.....	.....	66 95	90 00	333 95	1054 81	453 91	122 65	341 25	137 00	964 37	4256 67
37	1	148 00	10 00	.....	48 50	57 75	264 25	349 00	210 85	....	138 15	...	321 05	2362 10
14	..	30 12	.....	.....	50	.....	30 62	147 60	97 75	19 35	29 50	1 00	100 02	631 50
45	..	135 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	145 00	370 75	268 50	21 50	80 75	.....	313 39	1731 47
77	..	231 00	.....	.....	.....	78 00	309 00	1021 50	423 50	92 00	350 25	155 75	.....	.....
106	..	530 00	.....	.....	275 60	185 00	990 60	2097 25	1110 70	200 00	369 00	417 55	1830 00	2115 22
11	..	38 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	39 50	460 94	267 07	55 50	121 90	16 47	265 00	2866 00
155	..	189 15	.....	.....	12 30	.....	201 45	846 49	389 80	127 00	321 25	8 44	692 69	1733 53
121	..	251 00	.....	.....	21 50	.....	272 50	468 70	296 20	172 50	.....	.....	246 00	1737 78
92	..	239 00	.....	$5 00	120 65	.....	364 65	269 70	173 70	7 00	89 00	.....	441 87	1973 82
101	1	214 00	1 00	.....	23 00	61 70	299 70	638 10	443 29	39 00	105 00	50 81	693 35	2206 10
75	..	141 00	.....	.....	35	60 00	201 35	764 45	497 30	112 50	118 50	36 15	756 25	985 90
157	..	543 00	.....	.....	27 75	160 00	730 75	880 63	593 75	57 00	229 88	.....	1294 12	1647 07
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	325 59	95 44	174 25	18 25	37 65	263 94	327 07
4	1	12 00	35	.....	.....	.....	12 35	340 75	164 75	13 50	162 50	.....	214 39	1244 36
55	..	61 00	.....	.....	10 00	2 50	73 50	427 10	302 00	123 40	.....	1 70	322 65	854 46
32	..	96 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	98 00	115 75	115 75	.....	.....	.....	168 40	2721 02
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	34 40	30 00	76 40	816 30	351 30	117 00	337 50	10 50	631 61	2122 46
50	2	217 00	15 00	.....	82 00	136 25	450 25	994 75	192 00	518 75	.....	284 00	1122 27	1263 31
151	1	628 00	10 00	.....	14 00	100 00	752 00	1245 90	768 00	101 00	172 05	204 85	2418 68	3094 09
85	..	179 00	.....	.....	17 75	.....	196 75	406 30	327 30	70 20	3 30	5 50	126 37	2193 28
82	1	410 00	15 00	.....	.....	40 00	465 00	2005 98	1111 85	326 35	396 50	171 28	1187 89	3449 20
73	..	269 00	.....	5 00	113 00	120 00	507 00	1236 83	406 30	141 00	216 75	472 78	916 84	5679 79
47	1	124 00	1 00	.....	5 00	.....	130 00	2057 95	595 96	38 75	477 15	946 09	920 35	4474 88
73	..	292 00	.....	.....	88 35	.....	380 35	758 66	377 70	54 70	153 00	173 26	1440 11	1693 94
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	20 00	67 55	53 55	5 09	8 00	1 00	47 65	804 28
106	..	379 50	.....	.....	49 05	100 00	528 55	933 60	575 73	154 00	144 27	59 60	1304 96	4065 94
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	7 50	232 42	136 92	9 00	72 00	14 50	186 08	1396 06
23	..	76 00	.....	.....	17 96	.....	93 90	771 13	287 42	147 00	288 00	48 71	707 35	4385 85
56	..	170 00	.....	.....	28 00	60 00	258 00	1326 05	513 15	98 00	671 25	43 65	1083 84	9946 86
20	1	80 00	10 00	.....	58 23	95 55	243 78	680 45	236 70	140 20	246 55	57 00	816 30	4691 21
54	..	270 00	.....	.....	95 00	169 55	534 55	871 50	563 95	129 00	97 50	81 05	879 53	2543 56
3	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	42 00	177 60	50 05	86 25	41 30	.....	75 75	2138 22
60	3	180 00	37 00	.....	3 35	.....	220 35	904 46	372 10	173 00	213 23	146 13	829 47	4220 25
161	3	597 00	30 00	.....	23 00	391 00	1041 00	1542 77	1080 50	456 00	.....	6 27	1605 70	8630 15
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	..	55 00	.....	.....	99 59	.....	154 59	402 70	242 20	63 00	97 50	.....	352 11	187 91

ABSTRACT OF SEMI-

Name of Lodge.	No of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1897.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died	Contributing Members March 31, 1898	Rejected	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Stephenson	61	Freeport	Stephenson	Mon	82	4	..	..	2	..	..	14	..	1	69	..	22	4
Georgetown	62	Georgetown	Vermilion	Sat	48	..	..	3	2	..	..	3	..	1	45	..	16	7
Marshall	63	Henry	Marshall	Wed	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	31	..	17	4
Eureka	64	Marshall	Clark	Sat	71	2	..	..	2	..	..	9	..	3	59	..	37	4
Decatur	65	Decatur	Macon	Tues	176	4	1	1	5	..	..	14	..	..	163	..	47	8
Magnolia	66	Magnolia	Putnam	Tues	27	2	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	22	..	10	1
Safford	67	Cairo	Alexander	Wed	107	5	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	109	..	26	17
Saxon	68	Virginia	Cass	Mon	52	1	..	2	1	..	..	12	..	..	42	..	19	4
Danville	69	Danville	Vermilion	Fri	209	6	3	3	3	..	..	19	..	3	196	..	47	25
Pioneer	70	Winchester	Scott	Fri	127	2	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	121	..	42	8
Hancock	71	Warsaw	Hancock	Mon	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	55	..	30	4
Irene	72	Versailles	Brown	Sat	48	2	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	1	42	..	17	6
Pike	73	Griggsville	Pike	Mon	44	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	44	..	22	3
Iroquois	74	Watseka	Iroquois	Tues	73	3	2	1	1	..	..	3	1	2	72	..	37	7
Star	75	Morris	Grundy	Fri	117	6	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	118	..	29	8
Principle	76	Perry	Pike	Thur	111	8	1	4	2	..	1	..	1	3	117	..	28	19
Remembrance	77	Bloomington	McLean	Tues	193	2	..	3	3	..	..	10	..	2	183	..	55	24
Spoon River	78	Ellisville	Fulton	Wed	47	1	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	43	..	26	2
Vermont	79	Vermont	Fulton	Sat	69	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	1	61	..	31	7
Harvey	80	Harvey	Cook	Tues	66	8	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	71	..	19	8
Naperville	81	Naperville	DuPage	Thur	27	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	11	2
Concord	82	Concord	Morgan	Sat	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	14	..
Amicitia	83	Naples	Scott	Mon	14	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	13	..	10	1
Columbus	84	Columbus	Adams	Sat	26	5	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	1	29	1	19	3
Dallas	85	Effingham	Effingham	Wed	40	1	1	5	2	..	..	3	..	..	42	..	19	5
Chosen Friends	86	Métropolis	Massac	Sat	60	1	..	1	1	1	..	9	..	1	50	..	21	9
Six Mile	87	Nameoki	Madison	Sat	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	35	..	15	3
Lacon	88	Lacon	Marshall	Tues	25	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	23	..	14	3
Tonnaluka	89	Princeton	Bureau	Wed	40	1	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	41	1	24	3
Kickapoo	90	Charleston	Coles	Tues	113	32	2	5	1	..	..	5	..	..	146	1	30	13
Edgar	91	Paris	Edgar	Fri	118	..	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	2	112	..	42	11
Arcadia	92	Arcadia	Morgan	Sat	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	25	..	23	2
Waverly	93	Waverly	Morgan	Thur	74	2	1	2	4	..	..	5	1	1	68	1	24	9
Oregon	94	Oregon	Ogle	Fri	46	9	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	..	29	4
Pittsfield	95	Pittsfield	Pike	Fri	97	1	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	2	91	..	30	11
Stark	96	Toulon	Stark	Tues	84	..	2	1	..	..	..	12	1	1	73	..	25	5
Perry	97	Tamaroa	Perry	Tues	46	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	46	..	15	8
Olive	98	Clinton	DeWitt	Tues	87	15	..	4	1	..	..	9	..	1	95	..	17	20
Opal	99	Grayville	White	Tues	31	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	29	..	16	2
Jeptha	100	Clayton	Adams	Fri	91	..	..	4	2	..	..	9	..	1	83	..	38	12
LaSalle	101	LaSalle	LaSalle	Fri	103	1	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	4	93	2	29	9
Arcanus	102	Elmwood	Peoria	Mon	126	..	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	2	119	..	35	21
Smithfield	103	Smithfield	Fulton	Tues	27	5	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	32	..	7	1
Prairie State	104	Waynesville	DeWitt	Tues	46	20	1	4	..	..	..	11	..	1	59	2	20	3
Sycamore	105	Sycamore	DeKalb	Tues	79	5	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	83	..	22	10
Hutsonville	106	Hutsonville	Crawford	Wed	16	4	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	22	..	10	..
America	107	Chicago	Cook	Tues	173	..	..	..	3	..	..	22	..	4	144	..	18	13
Metropolitan	108	Centralia	Marion	Tues	60	11	..	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	66	1	16	12
Fort Clark	109	Peoria	Peoria	Mon	165	3	6	3	..	..	..	13	..	1	163	..	41	15
Suburban	110	La Grange	Cook	Sat	....	69	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	7	3	..
Middle Fork	111	Potomac	Vermilion	Tues	51	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	54	..	13	2
Astoria	112	Astoria	Fulton	Tues	51	2	..	..	1	..	..	6	1	..	45	4	13	3
Cheltenham	113	Chicago	Cook	Tues	93	7	..	5	2	..	..	10	..	..	93	1	12	11
Mount Olive	114	Salem	Marion	Mon	58	3	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	60	..	21	5
Triple Link	115	Bridgeport	Lawrence	Fri	51	..	..	..	2	..	..	13	..	..	36	..	9	5
Atalanta	116	Greenup	Cumberland	Wed	44	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	40	..	22	3
Okaw	117	Shelbyville	Shelby	Fri	103	2	3	..	1	..	..	6	..	1	100	1	29	2
Hennepin	118	Hennepin	Putnam	Tues	51	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	52	..	33	10
St. Clair	119	Lebanon	St. Clair	Wed	67	2	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	2	62	..	25	5
Fairview	120	Fairview	Fulton	Tues	72	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	71	..	20	3
Franklin	121	Franklin	Morgan	Sat	69	2	..	..	3	..	..	6	..	1	61	..	19	6
Vandalia	122	Vandalia	Fayette	Tues	52	1	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	1	44	..	14	5
Salem	123	Petersburg	Menard	Tues	106	5	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	1	106	1	40	9

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13	1	$34 45	$1 00	.....	.....	$70 00	$105 45	$565 19	$387 74	$14 00	$133 45	.....	$519 90	$3016 99
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	$29 00	50 00	118 00	221 22	127 62	21 65	71 95	.....	118 00	2013 86
61	..	183 00	.....	.....	40	.....	183 40	534 15	159 15	.....	375 00	.....	292 10	5032 07
42	..	115 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	175 00	706 45	211 10	34 00	361 35	$100 00	854 96	4223 69
130	1	346 00	2 00	.....	8 50	.....	356 50	2182 52	849 80	95 00	1103 42	134 30	1872 41	14891 25
6	...	18 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	19 00	170 36	92 36	28 00	50 00	.....	123 19	1039 72
42	..	225 00	.....	.....	24 00	.....	249 00	1770 70	559 95	47 00	1163 75	.....	1238 43	5096 81
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	30 00	336 50	203 85	19 00	103 65	10 00	319 98	577 00
190	..	760 00	.....	.....	263 90	331 00	1354 90	1988 86	1102 61	226 40	157 50	502 35	1712 27	15671 32
74	2	148 00	41 25	$15 00	55 00	.....	259 25	1028 43	633 58	62 90	210 30	121 65	718 24	4243 11
30	..	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	500 45	218 85	8 00	171 00	72 60	610 88	3628 69
28	1	84 00	40	.....	20 50	40 00	144 90	215 06	171 06	20 00	24 00	.....	90 90	.....
6	..	12 00	.....	.....	50	.....	12 50	4-8 61	131 11	36 00	275 25	46 25	288 51	1881 96
22	..	66 00	.....	.....	15 50	98 00	179 50	502 91	273 00	66 50	76 65	86 76	605 29	3852 72
14	2	42 00	11 00	.....	40 00	.....	93 00	972 81	582 95	125 95	140 41	123 50	407 32	1791 65
74	4	222 00	100 00	.....	5 00	127 65	454 65	808 20	651 60	134 60	22 00	.....	748 40	3342 75
259	..	918 00	....	.....	55 35	400 00	1373 35	3453 25	1099 00	54 00	2117 25	183 00	2993 98	25966 39
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	502 53	174 05	19 60	309 48	.....	591 55	2498 20
78	..	234 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	237 00	734 98	331 48	6 00	393 00	4 50	637 94	4313 90
26	..	128 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	138 00	858 37	407 00	129 00	251 25	71 12	710 29	1065 16
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	280 70	100 00	4 35	36 00	140 35	142 00	843 00
...	..	.....	.....	...	17 00	.....	17 00	128 69	41 00	.....	87 00	.....	70 94	1625 42
22	4	27 50	48 00	.....	13 50	.....	89 00	89 00	56 25	5 55	27 20	.....	263 64	1805 21
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	3 00	47 00	65 00	201 30	104 05	78 00	19 25	.....	172 86	1267 06
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	77 45	.....	104 45	384 65	184 90	47 00	93 50	59 25	283 05	538 33
90	..	162 85	.....	.....	35	80 00	243 20	481 55	404 40	30 00	47 15	.....	415 85	2806 50
90	..	270 00	.....	.....	1 00	50 00	321 00	395 00	142 40	.....	205 60	47 00	411 21	7552 17
20	..	60 00	.....	.....	50	.....	60 50	323 50	115 00	.....	208 50	.....	241 85	2072 52
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	12 25	.....	33 25	214 85	121 55	44 00	49 30	.....	197 51	1471 97
43	..	129 00	.....	.....	39 75	.....	168 75	1558 57	624 70	486 38	282 45	165 04	1361 42	6186 16
85	..	340 00	.....	.....	38 25	100 00	478 25	1325 75	508 20	16 40	752 90	48 25	1107 69	10143 05
2	..	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	164 30	84 80	3 50	76 00	.....	89 66	1753 35
17	..	68 00	.....	.....	14 00	30 00	112 00	883 29	374 61	94 00	412 00	2 65	871 04	2789 55
55	..	101 50	.....	.....	32 00	.....	133 50	595 70	225 10	173 00	197 60	.....	427 55	1797 33
134	1	329 00	1 00	.....	40 00	86 30	456 30	613 92	412 51	20 20	181 21	.....	802 00	4065 26
21	..	63 00	.....	.....	5 00	50 00	118 00	487 87	432 52	10 60	....	41 75	251 52	3270 31
30	1	105 00	35	6 00	1 87	.....	113 22	309 07	235 42	31 00	31 95	10 70	221 51	2880 98
97	3	291 00	20 75	.....	1 00	60 00	372 75	1203 78	419 58	233 30	550 90	.....	.....	2769 35
10	..	28 00	.....	.....	.....	35 00	63 00	200 35	98 10	.....	14 00	88 25	94 00	821 61
89	..	267 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	297 00	1283 95	321 65	42 00	.....	920 30	825 66	2610 58
66	..	120 00	.....	.....	5 00	344 50	469 50	1005 30	483 15	32 00	165 50	324 65	1261 80	1073 59
91	..	273 00	.....	.....	69 00	160 00	502 00	894 74	753 99	40 00	42 75	58 00	931 79	6002 74
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	241 50	103 65	57 00	80 85	.....	729 67	949 71
6	..	24 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	35 00	756 26	229 96	526 30	.....	.....	297 37	1404 26
29	..	87 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	94 00	756 59	273 08	81 25	402 26	.....	539 56	7228 83
...	..	.....	.....	.....	2 75	.....	2 75	137 60	66 60	65 00	6 00	.....	54 27	537 27
39	1	195 00	10 00	.....	27 00	63 30	295 30	1008 90	849 00	11 00	22 00	126 90	1020 57	1199 81
39	1	154 00	5 00	.....	36 00	50 00	245 00	848 25	237 25	115 00	496 00	.....	503 98	8785 53
156	3	780 00	21 53	.....	810 70	54 75	1666 98	4511 69	1135 15	114 00	2721 88	540 66	4673 84	20614 56
...	..	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	1135 25	149 25	986 00	.....	.....	969 94	518 51
8	2	32 00	21 00	.....	10 00	.....	63 00	630 03	223 50	30 50	82 80	293 23	346 18	1274 48
21	..	63 00	.....	.....	10 45	57 15	130 60	355 85	171 35	26 00	158 50	.....	515 63	1730 67
32	..	155 00	.....	.....	16 00	.....	171 00	1081 18	538 70	159 00	367 50	15 98	914 49	1619 24
50	..	150 00	.....	.....	28 00	50 00	228 00	833 30	367 30	48 00	313 00	105 00	795 94	6079 04
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	21 00	145 21	145 21	.....	.....	.....	98 10	649 63
4	1	12 00	30 00	.....	10 00	81 50	133 50	277 51	124 26	153 25	.....	.....	428 02	.....
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	430 00	287 00	49 00	94 00	.....	.....	.....
60	4	180 00	45 14	.....	21 36	103 00	349 50	479 27	333 65	32 00	111 62	2 00	730 96	4500 20
34	..	136 00	.....	.....	11 00	160 00	307 00	500 95	318 45	40 00	142 50	.....	525 81	3500 00
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	22 00	397 70	295 00	36 00	56 20	10 50	330 17	1635 48
11	..	22 00	.....	.....	73 00	.....	95 00	762 80	272 10	49 00	354 00	87 70	782 08	2349 38
27	..	81 00	.....	.....	16 21	63 10	160 31	399 60	214 86	16 00	154 04	14 70	413 84	959 32
24	..	72 00	.....	.....	26 00	35 00	133 00	766 73	518 55	88 00	160 18	.....	430 02	4017 18

ABSTRACT OF SEMI-

Name of Lodge.	No of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting	Membership March 31, 1897.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped	Expelled	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1898.	Rejected.	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Crawford	124	Robinson	Crawford	Fri.	31	4	1	5	1	..	..	1	..	1	38	..	21	3
Pearl	125	Pearl	Pike	Thur.	49	2	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	34	..	8	6
Mt. Pleasant	126	Farmer City	DeWitt	Wed.	89	7	..	2	3	..	..	8	..	..	87	1	31	9
Marcelline	127	Ursa	Adame	Sat.	63	9	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	72	..	27	3
Kewanee	128	Kewanee	Henry	Mon.	117	6	1	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	121	3	26	7
Diligence	129	Princeville	Peoria	Wed.	44	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	47	..	23	6
Wheeler	130	Wheeler	Jasper	Sat.	24	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	26	..	10	1
Tilton	131	Vandercook	Vermilion	Sat.	22	4	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	27	..	9	2
Amity	132	Murphysboro	Jackson	Sat.	113	6	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	108	..	24	12
Moline	133	Moline	Rock Island	Fri.	94	7	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	2	90	..	23	7
Martinsville	134	Martinsville	Clark	Tues.	55	11	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	65	..	32	13
Joppa	135	Joppa	Massac	Sat.	13	..	..	3	..	..	..	6	..	..	10	..	5	..
Veitch	136	Lake Creek	Williamson	Sat.	14	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	..	7	2
West Salem	137	West Salem	Edwards	Wed.	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	2
N. Philadelphia	138	New Philad'ia.	McDonough	Fri.	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	52	..	10	9
Urbana	139	Urbana	Champaign	Tues.	64	1	1	1	2	..	..	6	..	..	59	..	19	10
Social	140	Rockford	Winnebago	Fri.	122	6	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	126	..	35	13
I Will	141	Chicago	Cook	Tues	82	12	2	..	2	1	..	10	..	1	82	..	9	3
Galesburg	142	Galesburg	Knox	Mon.	52	3	3	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	54	..	31	4
Mason	143	Havana	Mason	Tues.	39	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	38	..	16	5
Tazewell	144	Washington	Tazewell	Mon.	51	..	..	1	2	..	..	5	..	..	45	..	..	7
Military Tract	145	Macomb	McDonough	Tues.	70	2	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	65	..	39	11
Shawbenee	146	Durand	Winnebago	Sat.	28	2	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	25	..	12	2
Snachwine	147	Tiskilwa	Bureau	Mon.	72	3	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	73	..	22	6
Abou Ben Ad'm	148	Fulton	Whiteside	Mon.	55	4	2	2	3	..	..	8	1	1	50	..	15	8
Leroy	149	LeRoy	McLean	Thur.	117	2	..	3	1	..	..	3	..	1	117	..	27	5
Redmon	150	Redmon	Edgar	Sat.	24	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	13	1
Flora	151	Flora	Clay	Sat.	67	3	3	3	2	..	..	4	..	..	70	..	17	9
Nona	152	Armington	Tazewell	Sat.	49	7	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	52	..	15	2
York	153	Little York	Warren	Sat.	32	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	29	..	2	..
Sylvan	154	Dunlap	Peoria	Tues.	41	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	43	..	14	10
DeKalb	155	DeKalb	DeKalb	Mon.	64	5	1	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	61	..	16	..
Henderson	156	Rio	Knox	Sat.	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	10	..	8	..
Melvin	157	Melvin	Ford	Sat.	34	1	..	1	2	..	..	9	..	..	25	..	9	3
Moultrie	158	Sullivan	Moultrie	Tues.	67	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	64	..	27	9
Beaucoup	159	Pinckneyville	Perry	Wed.	86	4	..	1	1	..	..	5	1	..	84	..	32	..
Warren	160	Monmouth	Warren	Mon.	110	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	106	..	39	14
Newton	161	Newton	Jasper	Sat.	35	..	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	36	..	22	2
Newark	162	Newark	Kendall	Thur.	20	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	22	3	6	2
New Endeavor	163	Rutland	LaSalle	Wed.	58	1	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	55	..	17	7
Savanna	164	Savanna	Carroll	Mon.	43	3	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	41	..	18	3
Flatwoods	165	Grantsburg	Johnson	*Closd*	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
TEUTONIA	166	Springfield	Sangamon	Wed.	66	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	69	..	36	3
Valley	167	Cherry Valley	Winnebago	Thur.	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
Albany	168	Albany	Whiteside	Tues.	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..
Allendale	169	Allendale	Wabash	Tues	39	4	..	3	2	..	..	10	..	1	33	..	12	3
Raritan	170	Raritan	Henderson	Tues.	21	..	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	17	..	12	1
Little Rock	171	Plano	Kendall	Tues.	59	3	1	..	1	..	..	9	..	..	53	..	12	6
Geneseo	172	Geneseo	Henry	Tues.	57	4	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	64	..	18	7
Pecatonica	173	Pecatonica	Winnebago	Mon.	26	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	23	..	13	4
Sterling	174	Sterling	Whiteside	Mon.	103	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	105	..	30	8
Marengo	175	Marengo	McHenry	Thur.	20	6	..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	21	1	2	1
Logan	176	Atlanta	Logan	Wed.	104	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	103	..	32	11
Pocahontas	177	Pocahontas	Bond	Sat.	28	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	28	..	..	2
Crystal Fount	178	Dover	Bureau	*Cons.*	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	6	..	..	..
Queen City	179	Centralia	Marion	Fri.	72	5	4	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	77	..	20	12
Richland	180	Olney	Richland	Mon.	95	1	1	2	1	..	..	10	..	..	88	..	25	5
STH. SOMONAUK	181	Sandwich	DeKalb	Sat.	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	9	..	7	12
Eshcol	182	Raleigh	Saline	Tues.	18	1	..	2	1	1	..	1	..	2	16	..	8	2
DeWitt	183	Parnell	DeWitt	Sat.	21	4	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	28	..	15	3
Abingdon	184	Abingdon	Knox	Fri.	76	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	74	..	39	8
New Home	185	Karber's Ridge	Hardin	Sat.	68	..	1	..	1	..	..	8	..	1	59	..	12	9
Celestial	186	Decatur	Macon	Mon.	132	3	..	1	2	..	..	15	..	..	119	..	40	8

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10	..	40 00	.....	.....	19 00	.....	59 00	287 82	103 77	129 00	39 05	16 00	193 45	812 34
11	1	33 00	50	.....	2 00	2 70	38 20	137 85	112 20	10 00	15 65	.....	172 96	712 91
50	1	171 00	8 15	.....	.....	.....	179 15	934 57	361 05	101 00	52 50	420 02	489 55	2664 00
37	..	135 00	.....	.....	19 50	.....	154 50	586 40	288 45	152 05	101 00	44 90	491 86	1568 62
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	31 50	.....	79 50	2674 28	537 35	148 15	1962 78	26 00	2618 25	20493 66
34	1	101 00	24 00	.....	.....	.....	125 00	296 60	210 30	83 40	.....	2 90	237 39	1842 04
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	15 75	.....	48 75	164 37	86 92	57 50	19 95	.....	70 75	863 43
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	444 65	140 77	66 00	237 88	.....	.....	794 93
80	..	321 00	.....	.....	174 00	.....	495 00	994 62	797 41	127 00	70 21	.....	899 23	1904 74
26	..	181 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	281 00	1281 46	455 86	151 00	576 10	98 50	786 54	1783 75
39	..	114 87	.....	.....	16 00	30 00	160 87	719 73	233 31	165 50	242 04	78 85	614 85	3063 94
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25	4	71 00	70 00	.....	6 00	30 00	177 00	567 82	278 17	28 30	60 00	201 35	615 71	2226 22
31	..	108 00	.....	.....	63 25	.....	171 25	1091 05	640 75	71 70	373 50	5 10	1103 22	4124 89
114	..	269 00	.....	.....	.....	95 50	364 50	870 40	672 40	198 00	.....	.....	724 50	744 35
69	..	114 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	114 00	550 50	306 50	90 00	54 00	100 00	484 65	2143 25
83	..	249 00	.....	.....	7 50	59 75	316 25	240 90	191 60	10 30	32 00	7 00	525 45	1743 01
22	..	152 00	.....	.....	17 64	.....	169 64	376 55	229 30	5 20	142 05	.....	.....	.....
74	..	296 00	.....	.....	8 92	80 00	384 92	1485 87	318 74	39 50	953 58	174 05	1262 46	6479 53
2	1	6 00	5 00	.....	10 40	.....	21 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	199 93	1565 44
10	..	30 00	.....	5 10	6 12	4 00	45 22	487 18	317 48	71 00	97 20	1 50	197 97	1726 98
31	1	93 00	5 34	.....	24 66	53 00	176 00	548 06	229 81	65 00	232 00	21 25	592 35	770 08
16	..	56 00	.....	.....	1 15	30 00	87 15	1132 17	569 17	56 00	435 00	72 00	.....	4061 90
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9	..	33 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00	331 70	165 40	96 00	49 43	20 87	129 75	955 42
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16	..	64 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	65 00	647 38	225 43	89 00	45 85	287 10	590 50	974 19
28	..	65 50	.....	.....	1 50	.....	67 00	614 55	282 10	86 20	223 25	23 00	492 22	1352 97
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 15	5 00	8 15	39 00	.....	.....	465 00
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72	..	216 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	216 00	432 90	289 05	65 50	75 00	3 35	487 68	3849 30
47	3	141 00	15 00	.....	130 25	.....	286 25	704 22	394 02	44 20	23 75	242 25	586 31	1024 30
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2	..	6 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	9 00	187 05	138 80	26 00	22 25	.....	72 31	1468 70
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	50	.....	15 50	152 30	88 30	29 00	35 00	.....	162 93	756 70
28	..	84 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	84 00	280 77	243 07	22 00	14 20	1 50	292 52	1214 38
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	86 00	.....	101 00	386 31	222 41	53 25	105 35	5 30	376 05	473 97
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9	..	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 00	105 76	68 80	5 00	31 96	.....	75 62	1200 43
17	..	34 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 00	327 85	263 55	64 30	.....	.....	191 64	629 95
29	1	87 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	88 00	472 73	213 16	79 50	180 07	.....	512 40	1453 89
25	..	75 00	.....	.....	44 38	45 00	164 38	117 00	87 00	16 00	14 00	.....	286 85	300 00
73	..	119 00	.....	.....	107 00	100 00	326 00	1086 70	514 35	69 00	502 75	.....	552 02	6778 39
7	..	10 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 32	149 64	80 64	69 00	.....	.....	101 29	189 13
61	..	253 00	.....	.....	3 00	240 00	496 00	1215 40	386 20	29 00	348 50	451 70	813 75	4928 81
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36	1	144 00	1 00	.....	52 05	.....	197 05	470 05	337 80	77 00	.....	55 25	535 90	1242 27
82	2	112 00	72 95	.....	80 65	.....	265 60	539 82	402 47	27 00	.....	110 35	451 97	2408 93
33	..	99 25	.....	.....	29 70	100 00	228 95	67 55	48 55	19 00	.....	.....	266 10	524 10
16	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00	64 00	56 30	39 00	7 30	10 00	.....	83 70	218 92
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	174 31	77 01	54 00	43 30	.....	172 26	1244 03
34	..	136 00	.....	.....	54 33	50 00	240 33	488 44	281 45	19 50	175 36	12 13	636 14	5160 79
42	..	126 00	.....	.....	.....	51 60	177 60	262 09	231 15	.....	30 94	.....	213 20	1150 04
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Danby	187	Wheaton	DuPage	Mon.	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	17	..	12	2
New Boston	188	New Boston	Mercer	Mon.	45	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	44	2	19	10
Carmi	189	Carmi	White	Thur.	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	1	38	..	12	8
Irving Park	190	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	64	..	1	1	..	..	..	10	..	..	56	..	19	6
Hamilton	191	McLeansboro	Hamilton	Mon.	43	4	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	49	..	99	5
Girard	192	Girard	Macoupin	Fri...	63	10	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	68	1	26	3
Tranquil	193	Oquawka	Henderson	Fri...	40	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	43	..	24	5
Lena	194	Lena	Stephenson	Mon.	26	2	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	..	28	..	15	..
Greenfield	195	Greenfield	Greene	Sat...	41	3	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	4	..	17	7
Calumet	196	Chillicothe	Peoria	Tues.	111	5	1	..	2	1	..	4	..	..	110	..	29	22
Polo	197	Polo	Ogle	Mon.	105	4	..	1	1	1	..	8	..	2	98	..	30	8
Colfax	198	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	98	19	..	..	..	1	..	9	..	3	104	..	17	6
Cambridge	199	Cambridge	Henry	Tues.	47	7	3	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	54	1	17	4
SCHILLER	200	Pekin	Tazewell	Wed.	34	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	33	..	21	2
Juniata	201	Marseilles	LaSalle	Mon.	25	8	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	33	..	17	2
Litchfield	202	Litchfield	Montgomery	Fri...	48	7	2	1	1	..	..	7	1	..	49	..	14	3
Fraternity	203	Swan Creek	Warren	Thur	37	2	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	16	4
Lincoln	204	Lincoln	Logan	Fri...	103	4	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	100	2	37	10
McDonough	205	Prairie City	McDonough	Fri...	58	3	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	53	..	28	2
McLean	206	Lexington	McLean	Fri...	78	4	3	1	2	..	..	7	..	2	75	..	30	9
Siloam	207	Delavan	Tazewell	Tues.	38	1	1	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	32	..	18	..
Onarga	208	Onarga	Iroquois	Thur	59	4	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	1	60	..	35	2
Cortland	209	Cortland	DeKalb	Sat...	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	11	..	8	..
Mercer	210	Keithsburg	Mercer	Tues.	70	..	2	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	66	..	26	8
Cedar	211	Mason	Effingham	Tues.	29	2	..	4	2	..	..	1	..	..	23	..	11	3
Sandwich	212	Sandwich	DeKalb	Mon.	93	11	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	99	..	33	11
Orphans' Hope	213	Xenia	Clay	Tues.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	4
Fort Dearborn	214	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	171	7	..	2	1	..	..	8	..	..	171	1	55	20
Camp Point	215	Camp Point	Adams	Wed.	136	11	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	144	..	49	16
Loogootee	216	Loogootee	Fayette	Sat..	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	..	1
Cicero	217	Oak Park	Cook	Thur.	74	1	2	1	1	..	..	10	..	..	67	..	22	7
Howard	218	Kankakee	Kankakee	Mon..	60	3	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	59	..	20	3
WILHELM TELL	219	Joliet	Will	Tues.	34	4	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	34	..	18	4
Travelers Rest	220	Gillespie	Macoupin	Mon..	20	11	1	..	1	..	..	4	1	..	26	1	10	4
HARMONIA	221	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	71	9	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	80	..	36	12
Temple	222	Nauvoo	Hancock	Wed.	75	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	71	..	17	4
Avon	223	Avon	Fulton	Tues	87	3	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	84	..	21	5
Alexander	224	Cairo	Alexander	Thur.	86	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	3	78	..	33	13
Sidell	225	Sidell	Vermilion	Sat...	102	4	..	2	1	..	..	19	..	..	88	..	20	12
Scottville	226	Scottville	Macoupin	Sat...	26	..	..	1	1	1	..	9	1	..	15	..	9	..
Benevolent	227	Whitehall	Greene	Mon..	32	1	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	1	30	..	16	4
Oneida	228	Oneida	Knox	Tues.	20	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	19	..	..	..
Illinois City	229	Illinois City	Rock Island	Sat...	15	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	12	1
Hickory Grove	230	Rochelle	Ogle	Thur.	57	10	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	69	..	15	4
*Praha	231	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	75	3	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	72	..	18	5
Hope	232	DuQuoin	Perry	Thur.	118	1	..	..	1	..	..	13	..	2	103	1	31	15
Carbondale	233	Carbondale	Jackson	Mon..	50	3	1	4	1	..	..	9	1	..	47	..	17	4
West Jersey	234	West Jersey	Stark	Fri...	27	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	24	..	7	1
Monitor	235	Bone Gap	Edwards	Sat...	44	4	1	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	41	..	17	3
Aledo	236	Aledo	Mercer	Mon..	65	3	1	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	60	..	28	7
Treasury	237	Rantoul	Champaign	Sat...	95	6	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	82	..	26	3
Fernwood	238	Chicago	Cook	Fri...	90	12	1	1	1	..	..	15	..	2	86	..	9	5
FREEPORT	239	Freeport	Stephenson	Mon.	88	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	85	..	44	6
Cook County	240	Chicago	Cook	Wed..	264	29	8	3	2	..	..	16	1	1	284	1	37	21
Southern	241	Jonesboro	Union	Wed..	56	4	2	2	2	..	..	7	..	..	55	..	26	8
Williams	242	Spring Garden	Jefferson	Sat...	21	3	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	19	..	7	3
Urania	243	Jacksonville	Morgan	Mon..	163	7	..	1	2	..	..	2	1	3	163	1	37	22
Wyoming	244	Wyoming	Stark	Tues.	67	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	62	..	21	6
North Fork	245	Rossville	Vermilion	Thur.	37	2	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	1	33	..	6	1
Maywood	246	Maywood	Cook	Tues.	48	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	50	1	15	9
Eleroy	247	Eleroy	Stephenson	Sat...	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	17	..	9	1
Asbury	248	Six Mile	Wayne	Sat...	15	7	4	2	1	..	..	5	..	..	22	..	7	..
Sumner	249	Somner	Lawrence	Thur.	92	2	1	1	5	..	..	6	..	..	85	..	16	9

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Weeks' Benefits Paid.	W. F. Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of W. Families.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Paid Special Relief.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.	Receipts for Dues.	Receipts for Initiations, etc.	From Interest and Rents.	Receipts from other Sources.	Expenditures.	Net Worth of Lodge.
14	..	$32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$32 00	$64 90	$64 90	.....	.....	.....	$102 85	$189 48
28	1	81 00	$1 00	$5 00	$25 00	.....	115 00	215 75	167 25	$24 50	.....	$24 00	215 55	1094 58
47	..	188 00	.....	.....	95 00	$60 20	343 20	241 85	203 20	12 70	$25 95	.....	496 47	691 25
46	..	230 00	.....	.....	32 00	.....	262 00	439 65	374 40	17 00	8 60	39 65	481 58	1231 54
10	..	21 00	.....	.....	14 90	.....	44 00	170 40	93 40	77 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	1	21 00	4 36	.....	6 00	.....	31 36	558 02	352 30	158 00	47 37	35	297 59	2638 06
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	31 00	.....	61 00	326 40	184 80	83 00	58 25	35	365 78	1660 69
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	9 00	45 00	84 00	195 63	98 53	46 79	50 40	.....	207 48	1777 38
44	..	132 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	133 00	179 25	135 25	14 00	.....	.....	277 97	512 03
51	1	145 00	12 30	.....	4 45	.....	161 75	1253 35	602 35	86 00	563 30	1 70	911 86	4183 38
27	3	81 00	37 46	.....	81 00	175 00	374 46	1263 07	718 09	63 70	481 28	.....	424 46	9451 10
59	..	136 00	36 50	.....	134 00	336 00	642 50	2636 91	748 81	248 00	1283 50	356 60	2929 18	3527 22
24	..	72 00	.....	.....	65 72	.....	137 72	615 70	274 95	134 40	205 00	1 35	405 78	2438 53
10	..	40 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	51 00	277 10	200 55	23 00	18 00	35 55	250 10	624 57
21	..	63 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	64 00	329 40	117 45	146 00	58 00	7 95	269 27	644 45
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	19 00	15 00	55 00	353 39	220 49	110 70	18 50	3 70	252 33	428 88
23	..	69 00	.....	.....	40	.....	69 40	166 40	106 40	54 00	6 00	.....	97 30	1168 65
36	..	144 00	.....	.....	36 00	.....	180 00	984 60	461 35	90 00	433 25	.....	683 94	5876 79
8	..	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	346 80	206 20	24 00	76 35	40 25	312 69	2261 53
64	..	192 00	.....	.....	16 00	80 00	288 00	1006 60	378 15	69 00	263 75	295 70	733 60	7678 48
8	..	16 00	.....	.....	25 75	.....	41 75	135 80	97 80	18 00	20 00	.....	250 85	1294 03
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84	..	239 00	.....	25 00	15 10	.....	279 10	769 35	215 00	4 00	550 00	35	728 05	7773 90
26	..	81 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	81 00	379 60	97 51	38 80	156 00	87 29	360 08	1437 85
31	..	93 00	.....	.....	31 00	.....	124 00	1021 87	393 69	196 70	431 48	.....	1009 52	4556 06
13	1	39 00	12 00	.....	.....	50 00	101 00	484 92	198 47	25 00	241 00	20 45	250 39	2229 17
120	5	374 00	25 00	.....	57 50	.....	456 50	1828 40	919 00	230 50	540 00	138 90	1230 75	14075 76
88	1	273 00	2 20	.....	55 0	.....	330 20	1126 70	642 05	212 50	272 15	.....	1035 22	7513 73
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6	4	24 00	25 00	.....	12 40	60 00	121 40	724 95	310 45	104 00	310 50	.....	680 46	1751 22
17	..	95 00	.....	.....	1 00	100 00	196 00	417 52	360 52	45 00	12 00	.....	340 00	504 52
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	35	.....	24 35	222 50	63 50	156 00	.....	3 00	66 35	348 89
49	..	245 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	260 00	1914 35	424 30	123 00	1339 00	28 05	1816 84	12549 38
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15	..	45 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00	85 00	236 80	167 90	42 90	.....	26 00	129 50	1947 18
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 35	9 00	9 00	5 00	35	.....	.....
7	..	17 50	.....	.....	10 31	.....	27 81	255 95	77 45	21 00	76 80	80 70	225 10	1046 87
16	1	48 00	1 00	.....	24 50	.....	73 50	722 90	232 46	201 00	233 85	55 59	497 01	2151 90
16	2	79 57	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	85 57	509 00	433 00	52 00	24 00	.....	157 57	1543 67
76	8	270 00	40 00	.....	53 25	171 00	534 25	2165 25	698 00	26 00	1187 55	253 70	2075 90	15989 40
31	..	121 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	124 00	348 28	190 35	78 40	8 75	70 78	328 69	598 77
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	50	.....	6 50	118 68	73 25	.....	45 43	.....	64 10	1521 15
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	31 10	.....	46 10	278 15	209 15	69 00	.....	.....	97 98	1157 00
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	22 25	30 00	100 25	354 07	267 57	36 00	50 50	.....	311 99	2071 89
8	..	32 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	57 00	814 50	366 00	100 00	348 50	.....	686 80	2967 70
34	..	129 60	.....	.....	.....	86 75	215 75	1475 27	512 00	183 00	780 27	.....	540 75	2945 05
48	2	144 00	30 00	.....	10 00	.....	184 00	898 91	445 60	14 00	435 50	4 41	572 57	6422 83
90	..	268 00	.....	.....	122 45	.....	390 45	3885 28	1491 75	384 00	.....	2009 53	3060 70	8471 67
10	1	30 00	1 00	.....	8 00	.....	39 00	243 06	174 65	68 35	.....	.....	194 92	2127 97
8	..	22 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	36 00	94 15	42 15	52 00	.....	.....	71 00	530 00
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30	..	92 00	.....	.....	1 00	69 50	162 50	288 05	226 55	8 00	48 50	5 00	348 88	1976 59
29	1	87 00	1 30	.....	58 70	.....	147 00	322 48	138 48	36 00	148 00	.....	180 93	693 28
33	..	122 00	.....	.....	40 35	.....	162 35	633 67	255 00	75 00	303 67	.....	700 62	685 96
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	83 85	56 85	.....	27 00	.....	58 00	713 37
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	136 59	46 44	86 65	3 50	.....	106 59	290 00
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Mound City	250	Mound City	Pulaski	Tues.	51	2	2	3	..	..	..	7	..	..	51	..	19	9
Belknap	251	Belknap	Johnson	Mon.	34	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	32	..	15	9
Homer	252	Homer	Champaign	Fri.	74	2	..	..	4	..	..	19	..	2	51	..	18	7
Farmers	253	Milford	Iroquois	Sat.	46	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	51	..	18	2
Prairie View	254	Longview	Champaign	Sat.	43	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	44	1	12	4
Forest	255	Wapella	DeWitt	Sat.	45	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	45	..	22	4
Maquon	256	Maquon	Knox	Wed.	64	3	1	3	1	..	..	2	..	1	67	..	18	11
Grove	257	Morrison	Whiteside	Tues.	167	4	2	..	1	..	..	8	..	1	163	2	42	22
Charter Oak	258	Bunker Hill	Macoupin	Sat.	52	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	1	47	..	29	12
Ridgely	259	Warren	JoDaviess	Tues.	25	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	25	..	8	6
Coles County	260	Mattoon	Coles	Tues.	176	12	1	..	1	..	..	10	1	4	173	2	59	20
Atlas	261	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	220	8	2	4	3	..	..	19	..	3	209	..	20	17
Pontiac	262	Pontiac	Livingston	Thur.	119	5	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	1	117	3	41	18
New Hope	263	Blandinsville	McDonough	Mon.	51	3	..	1	2	..	..	8	..	1	44	1	13	1
De Soto	264	De Soto	Jackson	Wed.	40	3	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	42	1	14	17
Evergreen City	265	Bloomington	McLean	Thur.	141	9	..	..	..	1	..	11	..	..	138	1	37	17
Stillman Valley	266	Stillman Vall'y	Ogle	Tues.	49	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	6	2
Iris	267	Millersburg	Mercer	Sat.	38	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	35	..	13	5
Rochester	268	Rochester	Sangamon	Sat.	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	17	2
Elsah	269	Elsah	Jersey	Sat.	39	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	36	..	25	4
La Clyde	270	Golden	Adams	Tues.	52	24	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	74	2	16	7
Fortschritt	271	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	60	..	20	10
Spartan	272	Compton	Lee	Thur.	17	14	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32	3	..	..
Bible Grove	273	Bible Grove	Clay	Sat.	31	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	1
Shelby	274	Moweaqua	Shelby	Thur.	32	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	32	..	17	6
Grove City	275	Grove City	Christian	Sat.	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	26	..	12	1
Milmine	276	Milmine	Piatt	Thur.	32	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	14	2
Milton	277	Milton	Pike	Fri.	62	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	67	..	17	10
Compromiee	278	Gifford	Champaign	Sat.	34	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	8	1
Webber	279	Marlow	Jefferson	Sat.	11	2	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	8	..	3	..
Ora	280	Oraville	Jackson	Sat.	31	3	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	..	25	..	7	2
Wicker Park	281	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	190	2	1	1	2	1	..	34	..	..	157	1	20	16
Bridgeport	282	Okawville	Washington	Sat.	37	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	38	..	24	1
Wenona	283	Wenona	Marshall	Mon.	37	..	3	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	33	..	13	4
Charity	284	Benton	Franklin	Thur.	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	1	38	..	14	8
Egypt's Star	285	Red Bud	Randolph	Wed.	42	..	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	38	..	10	4
Humboldt	286	Mascoutah	St. Clair	Mon.	67	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	65	..	23	14
Liberty	287	Liberty	Adams	Mon.	47	1	1	2	..	..	..	4	1	1	45	..	25	5
Jackson Park	288	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	93	6	1	1	1	..	..	19	..	1	80	..	10	4
Arcola	289	Arcola	Douglas	Thur.	90	4	1	1	4	..	..	15	..	1	76	..	24	9
Livingston	290	Fairbury	Livingston	Tues.	124	2	..	..	3	..	..	3	1	1	118	..	39	10
Hiawatha	291	Anna	Union	Sat.	97	1	1	1	..	..	..	20	1	..	79	..	30	6
Golconda	292	Golconda	Pope	Tues.	38	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	2	36	..	17	11
Mendota	293	Mendota	LaSalle	Mon.	75	4	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	74	..	19	5
Shabbona	294	Earlville	LaSalle	Tues.	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	19	2
Western	295	Peoria	Peoria	Thur.	104	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	102	..	33	11
Cabery	296	Cabery	Ford	Tues.	34	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	37	..	8	2
Brocton	297	Brocton	Edgar	Sat.	117	2	4	1	1	..	..	4	..	1	118	..	21	6
Tonica	298	Tonica	LaSalle	Wed.	32	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	3	12	..
Cosmopolitan	299	Chicago	Cook	Thur	61	11	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	66	..	10	4
Mount Zion	300	Mount Zion	Macon	Sat.	53	3	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	49	..	20	..
Will	301	Wilmington	Will	Mon.	27	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	25	..	12	4
Ashley	302	Ashley	Washington	Tues.	16	13	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	28	..	11	..
Concordia	303	Aurora	Kane	Tues.	42	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	41	..	18	3
Coal Valley	304	Coal Valley	Rock Island	Wed.	26	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	32	..	15	5
Uhland	305	Bloomington	McLean	Wed.	108	2	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	108	..	43	15
National	306	Washington	Tazewell	Wed.	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	26	..	21	4
Elkhart	307	Elkhart	Logan	Sat.	44	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	46	..	26	2
Green Valley	308	Green Valley	Tazewell	Sat.	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	22	..	9	2
Browning	309	Browning	Schuyler	Sat.	23	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	22	..	14	3
Unity	310	Mt. Sterling	Brown	Mon.	102	3	..	1	2	..	..	4	1	..	99	1	18	5
Olio	311	Eureka	Woodford	Thur.	44	7	5	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	55	..	21	4
Clayton	312	Sparland	Marshall	Mon.	38	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	35	..	15	5

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15	..	45 00	.....	.....	$18 10	.....	$63 10	$704 09	$354 73	$71 00	$208 51	$69 85	$675 55	$3860 50
26	..	65 00	.....	.....	.....	$26 00	91 00	196 13	116 93	.....	79 20	.....	105 25	1131 60
50	..	150 00	.....	.....	67 50	60 00	277 50	798 65	285 15	28 00	485 50	.....	807 90	6584 77
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	501 27	372 27	123 00	1 00	5 00	775 11	3169 16
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	9 00	50 00	80 00	180 00	180 00	.....	.....	.....	138 50	456 42
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	1 65	.....	19 65	560 78	154 15	17 00	351 18	38 45	422 40	1566 96
40	..	120 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	150 00	335 45	240 66	41 00	53 79	.....	176 00	1550 00
94	1	282 00	$5 00	.....	33 00	63 58	383 58	1162 80	788 80	47 00	257 15	69 85	925 26	6482 30
145	..	343 15	.....	.....	9 00	72 16	424 31	483 32	261 45	.....	212 92	8 95	593 75	2078 67
73	..	50 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	150 00	255 00	48 00	33 00	174 00	.....	418 61	2277 13
181	4	543 00	142 70	.....	23 00	240 66	919 36	2906 21	888 94	292 50	820 76	1004 01	2782 76	7002 12
90	4	385 50	19 35	.....	195 50	226 15	826 00	1678 96	1315 56	195 00	124 50	43 90	1650 70	5010 26
86	1	430 00	5 00	.....	65 15	75 00	575 15	893 27	697 27	131 00	.....	65 00	1047 29	8628 40
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	15 35	25 00	70 35	579 51	196 76	75 00	58 50	249 25	922 89	1326 23
27	..	81 00	.....	.....	15 00	63 15	159 15	547 81	213 30	75 75	186 26	72 50	497 37	1751 43
80	..	258 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	265 00	1387 91	764 19	123 70	377 35	122 70	1231 11	3043 30
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	225 25	113 75	5 00	105 50	1 00	186 25	690 00
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	31 00	204 17	139 57	14 00	50 60	.....	54 00	2055 54
12	..	36 00	5 00	.....	25 50	.....	66 50	285 90	50 30	.....	209 50	26 10	201 37	3063 71
14	2	42 00	4 00	.....	34 00	.....	80 00	401 05	73 30	18 00	309 75	.....	518 44	5816 68
43	..	129 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	143 00	567 88	209 76	335 00	23 12	.....	505 35	1037 77
35	..	175 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	175 00	358 20	352 00	6 00	20	.....	410 41	968 09
...	..	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 00	303 60	179 00	90 60	34 00	.....	253 82	231 53
1	..	3 00	.....	..	1 00	.....	4 00	79 90	46 90	33 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	301 15	162 15	4 00	.....	135 00	330 08	2530 64
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	63 00	86 10	51 50	34 60	.....	.....	181 20	1228 71
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	11 50	.....	50 00	203 81	125 31	24 00	17 90	36 60	61 86	1305 67
31	..	93 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	100 00	416 25	249 25	80 00	87 00	.....	257 51	1165 35
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	579 05	179 25	5 00	375 80	19 00	590 32	1555 67
...	1	.....	3 00	.....	7 00	.....	10 00	65 76	28 41	37 00	.....	35	35 07	45 00
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	55 85	.....	76 85	273 10	118 10	30 00	125 00	.....	76 85	892 90
49	..	245 00	5 75	.....	44 50	29 00	324 25	1018 78	946 78	72 00	.....	.....	1032 28	4501 27
..	..	.....	.....	.....	53 00	.....	53 00	369 20	194 20	49 00	121 00	5 00	268 86	1526 05
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	108 00	100 00	8 00	.....	.....	121 00	625 00
14	..	42 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00	143 73	134 23	9 50	.....	.....	105 67	1444 04
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00	136 25	.....	5 20	107 55	23 50	155 15	1033 66
51	..	231 00	.....	.....	.	50 00	281 00	478 70	348 05	22 00	111 65	.....	433 70	3574 08
23	1	68 00	25 00	.....	8 00	36 79	137 79	284 05	138 00	24 00	121 35	70	224 03	2951 79
5	1	35 00	10 00	.....	27 95	20 00	92 95	693 45	448 25	90 00	9 40	145 80	461 26	868 69
33	1	99 00	5 00	.....	7 35	40 00	151 35	333 49	273 49	60 00	.....	.....	248 23	1528 11
38	..	114 00	.....	.....	7 00	54 00	175 00	1183 25	732 05	60 00	82 50	308 70	1033 99	6191 09
27	..	52 00	.....	.....	7 25	.....	59 25	1036 16	529 16	33 00	474 00	.....	962 39	5014 43
45	1	135 00	.....	.....	7 65	30 58	173 23	369 13	191 47	38 00	139 66	.....	186 38	3918 96
11	..	33 00	11 00	.....	2 05	.....	46 05	572 55	260 80	71 00	240 75	.....	387 40	3251 64
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	28 95	.....	34 95	196 15	79 00	117 15	.....	.....	182 17	692 90
41	3	205 00	21 00	.....	30 30	100 00	356 30	891 00	778 75	50 00	48 00	14 25	891 82	2529 74
10	..	20 00	.....	.....	87 50	.....	107 50	438 05	168 40	78 00	112 25	79 40	421 54	988 20
18	1	54 00	1 00	.....	4 00	50 00	109 00	541 15	439 40	30 00	71 75	.....	516 46	400 00
...	..	..	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 00	200 75	120 75	70 00	10 00	.....	117 44	638 56
7	..	23 00	.....	.....	38 35	.....	61 35	474 06	330 00	138 50	.....	5 56	384 22	1242 15
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	358 61	179 63	24 00	154 98	.....	107 12	2481 41
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	76 77	.....	109 77	241 75	113 75	26 00	102 00	.....	300 58	321 35
...	..	.....	.....	.....	2 67	.....	2 67	462 25	118 00	197 00	147 25	.....	385 44	1675 00
5	..	16 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	76 00	294 67	222 50	23 00	49 17	.....	249 00	603 56
26	2	78 00	10 50	.....	67 00	63 00	218 50	285 80	187 80	98 00	.....	.....	283 38	1196 65
105	..	305 00	50 00	.....	5 50	.....	360 50	1020 75	547 25	30 00	443 50	.....	1595 03	2905 46
7	..	22 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 30	205 38	135 70	..	69 68	.....	117 60	1155 04
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	5 00	95 00	109 00	270 26	178 71	42 00	42 80	6 75	290 32	1199 14
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 00	163 67	84 70	15 00	62 97	1 00	152 70	917 00
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	31 00	104 17	69 17	20 00	15 00	.....	98 54	1531 72
27	..	81 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	82 00	548 85	364 05	91 00	66 80	27 00	515 21	2029 20
18	1	72 00	10 65	.....	17 00	.....	99 65	652 40	262 20	147 50	242 70	.....	424 90	1958 38
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	71 00	.....	104 00	208 43	164 55	.....	40 00	3 88	230 25	1064 46

ABSTRACT OF SEMI-

Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1897.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1898.	Rejected.	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Enfield	313	Enfield	White	Sat	33	2		1	1			4			31		20	3
Maroa	314	Maroa	Macon	Thur.	115	2		1	3			7	2	2	104		30	8
Macedonia	315	Macedonia	Hamilton	Sat	39	2			1	1		2			37	1	23	3
Tuscola	316	Tuscola	Douglas	Tues.	115	3	3	2				9		1	113		41	10
Butler	317	Butler	Montgomery	Sat	11	2		1				1			13		7	
Niantic	318	Niantic	Macon	Tues.	29	1	1	1	1			1		2	28		18	5
Guiding Star	319	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	97	4		4	2			5		2	96	2	17	13
Tremont	320	Tremont	Tazewell	Wed														
STEUBEN	321	Galena	JoDaviess	Wed.	88	1		1	1			6		1	82		34	19
Bushnell	322	Bushnell	McDonough	Tues.	163	3	1		1			4		1	161		38	21
Globe	323	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	Tues.	25	2	1	1				2			27		15	1
Vernon	324	Vernon	Marion	Thur.	34	4	1					3		1	35		15	3
Reliance	325	Edgar	Edgar	Sat	63	6		1	1	1		8			60		13	10
LESSING	326	Ottawa	LaSalle	Wed.	45	1			1						45		27	7
Blue Island	327	Blue Island	Cook	Tues.	122	3	1	3	1			23			105		17	2
Central Park	328	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	164	11	1	2	1			24		2	151		18	13
GOETHE	329	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	167	6						5		4	164		42	24
Moreland	330	Chicago	Cook	Sat	70	7	1	2				6		1	73		11	2
Nonpareil	331	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	132	9	3	1	1			15	1		128		22	9
Sherman	332	Nokomis	Montgomery	Tues	45				1			5		1	38		16	6
Champaign	333	Champaign	Champaign	Thur.	107	1	2		1			6	1		102		30	8
Adar	334	Pana	Christian	Tues.	60	1		1	2			5		1	54		20	8
Imperial	335	Chicago	Cook	*Cons*	74	6		2	3	1		16			62		9	6
Barry	336	Barry	Pike	Wed.	85	3		2	1		1	4		1	83		35	4
Mason City	337	Mason City	Mason	Thur.	74	4	2					5			75	1	26	7
BELLEVILLE	338	Belleville	St. Clair	Mon	68							7		4	57		27	11
Bell Air	339	Bell Air	Crawford	Tues.	15	1						2			14		11	1
Vesta	340	Vienna	Johnson	Fri.	43	1	2	3	1		2	6			40	1	13	4
Oak	341	Ashland	Cass	Tues.	33	1		1	2			2			31	1	13	1
Carrollton	342	Carrollton	Greene	Fri.	77	1			3	1		5		3	66		27	9
Dongola	343	Dongola	Union	Tues.	46	2						3	1	1	37		20	5
Irwin	344	Bement	Piatt	Fri.	40	1									41		18	6
MOZART	345	Lincoln	Logan	Thur	88	2	1	1	2			3		2	85		29	9
Cerro Gordo	346	Cerro Gordo	Piatt	Wed.	67	4						2			69	1	20	7
Neoga	347	Neoga	Cumberland	Tues.	24	4		6							34			
Palmyra	348	Palmyra	Macoupin	Fri.	29				1			5			23		10	
Sheldon	349	Sheldon	Iroquois	Sat	16	1		1						2	16		11	2
Carlinville	350	Carlinville	Macoupin	Mon.	46	2		2				2			48		26	2
Rockwood	351	Rockwood	Randolph	Sat	19			1							20		10	
Albion	352	Albion	Edwards	Fri	47				3			9			35		9	5
HOFFNUNG	353	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	89	5		1				5		1	89		28	10
Rosedale	354	Kinmundy	Marion	Sat.	58	3						3			58		27	8
Toledo	355	Toledo	Cumberland	Mon.	45	9	2	3	1			2			56		22	
Lynnville	356	Lynnville	Morgan	Mon	49							1		1	47		25	3
Gem City	357	Quincy	Adams	Fri	133	6	1	1	1			4			136		25	12
Guthrie	358	Guthrie	Ford	Sat	35	1		1	2						35		13	1
Elliott	359	Elliott	Ford	Thur.	63	5			1			2			65		17	5
Cary	360	Cary	McHenry	Mon	52	13	1	1				6		2	59	1	12	4
John Ericsson	361	Chicago	Cook	Mon	129	13	1		1			12		2	128		12	20
Congress	362	Chicago	Cook	Mon	167	10	1	1		1		13			165		19	16
Williamsville	363	Williamsville	Sangamon	Tues.	33										33		13	1
Mizpah	364	Philo	Champaign	Mon.	41	3		1				2			43		18	3
Adams	365	Quincy	Adams	Mon	95	4			2			5			92		36	12
Brighton	366	Brighton	Macoupin	Mon.	23	1		1							25	2	12	8
Freedom	367	Chicago	Cook	*Cons.*	73							13			60		2	25
Athensville	368	Athensville	Greene	Sat.	18	4	1					2			21		9	2
Enterprise	369	W. Belleville	St. Clair	Sat.	84				3						81		25	20
Yates City	370	Yates City	Knox	Tues.	44	1			2			4			39		21	10
Bardolph	371	Bardolph	McDonough	Mon.	39	7	2					1		2	45		14	4
J. R. Scroggs	372	Orangeville	Stephenson	Sat.	78	2	1					7		1	73		30	9
Ezel	373	Fowler	Adams	Sat.	8							2			6			
Golden Rule	374	East St. Louis	St. Clair	Tues	120	3	2	1				16		1	109		31	22
Eldorado	375	Eldorado	Saline	Thur.	30	3	1	1							35	1	12	2

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98	..	394 20	.....	....	....	$10 00	434 20	764 12	653 92	60 20	35 00	$15 00	883 64	1397 32
15	1	43 00	$1 00	.....	21 00	.....	68 00	421 81	209 45	30 25	182 11	.....	135 10	2075 82
52	..	208 00	.....	.....	91 00	80 00	379 00	1268 40	573 10	128 80	476 00	90 50	1125 37	6856 35
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	6 10	.....	12 10	109 65	54 85	46 80	8 00	.....	37 75	767 40
11	..	44 00	.....	.....	8 00	60 00	112 00	287 80	181 51	13 20	93 09	.....	266 96	1727 00
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176	..	568 00	20 87	.....	.. ..	50 00	638 87	1564 11	815 02	102 00	267 09	380 00	774 67	... .
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29	..	87 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	147 00	267 45	175 55	58 00	33 90	.....	261 79	1087 62
26	..	78 00	.....	...	43 35	.....	121 35	422 70	263 90	77 35	81 45	.....	321 27	2002 29
18	..	90 00	.....	.....	52 30	.....	142 30	440 10	296 60	19 00	122 50	2 00	302 39	2671 84
28	..	110 00	...	.....	42 00	.....	152 00	1219 20	585 20	73 80	531 90	28 30	1109 32	2284 89
46	2	200 00	350 00	.....	22 00	280 55	852 55	2440 43	808 77	260 50	...	1371 16	1548 59	2834 47
159	..	540 00	.....	.....	194 20	100 10	834 30	1154 60	1125 60	129 00	.....	.....	1011 74	14100 00
17	..	78 00	.....	.....	147 16	94 64	319 80	577 65	425 45	116 00	2 76	33 44	513 15	741 94
37	1	202 00	5 00	.....	128 85	.....	335 85	1435 77	963 95	192 00	16 00	263 82	988 95	2759 31
19	1	57 00	10 00	.....	.....	37 50	104 50	414 34	150 00	.....	264 34	.....	290 50	1317 52
31	..	93 00	.....	.....	168 33	.. ..	261 33	1397 50	687 50	26 00	684 00	.....	1273 02	108 1 93
85	2	253 00	33 79	.....	52 45	152 70	491 94	1440 73	357 73	13 00	70 00	1000 00	685 76	1547 02
31	..	122 00	.....	.....	....	.	122 00	427 63	343 13	84 50	.....	.....	441 48	92 24
14	..	28 00	.....	..	.....	12 05	40 05	512 37	326 10	40 00	146 27	.....	171 10	2754 66
4	1	20 00	28 00	125 00	73 00	....	246 00	844 91	389 10	117 00	298 00	40 81	737 40	4644 67
68	..	276 00	...	.....	384 00	.....	660 00	900 50	504 00	.....	92 00	304 50	910 50	3440 13
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5	..	10 35	.....	.....	25 00	.....	35 35	278 67	156 87	58 00	.....	63 80	390 22	846 13
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78	..	123 50	.....	.....	5 00	60 00	188 50	395 30	322 80	51 00	18 50	3 00	459 80	1521 42
6	1	18 00	5 00	.....	72 00	.....	95 00	71 50	40 00	31 50	.....	.....	126 00	.....
19	..	57 00	...	.....	37 50	.....	94 50	472 75	184 15	27 35	138 00	123 25	324 55	1626 58
27	1	108 00	10 00	.....	25 00	50 00	193 00	916 80	560 50	31 00	325 30	.....	622 34	3131 54
56	..	168 00	.....	.....	19 25	.....	187 25	3292 95	341 80	55 40	2895 75	.....	1018 68	39 7 30
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5	..	15 00	.....	.....	50	20 00	35 50	132 11	71 34	11 00	49 77	.....	121 21	1053 63
5	..	14 50	.....	.....	5 50	.....	20 00	407 00	234 80	55 20	117 00	.....	956 85	2954 97
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17	..	51 00	..	.....	1 75	.....	52 75	238 50	231 95	.....	.....	3 55	219 05	651 54
38	2	183 00	80 00	.....	38 00	66 00	367 00	912 35	508 35	66 00	338 00	.....	866 85	7533 79
74	..	194 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	194 00	606 75	232 61	57 00	261 56	55 55	561 94	4395 52
...	..	.....	.....	.....	13 50	.....	13 50	377 40	152 85	194 80	29 75	.....	119 39	2618 41
66	..	164 00	....	12 00	150 30	30 00	356 30	535 69	227 99	.....	307 00	70	476 00	4697 65
49	..	270 00	.....	.....	98 00	.....	368 00	786 00	661 25	121 00	.....	3 75	598 03	1561 74
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29	..	116 00	.....	.....	25 4	111 15	252 55	532 68	251 20	160 30	111 18	10 00	515 20	752 52
49	..	191 00	.....	... ..	59 00	191 70	441 70	1390 89	816 25	190 00	19 49	365 15	858 84	2523 08
70	2	221 00	18 00	.....	12 00	.....	251 00	1467 92	901 50	204 00	36 00	326 42	1597 89	3572 00
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	61 00	94 25	73 25	.....	21 00	.. ...	195 45	593 44
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	29 00	249 62	202 42	47 20	... .	.....	218 92	1324 66
95		263 00	.....	.....	55 00	100 00	418 00	1126 95	731 45	65 00	313 50	17 00	875 60	2072 64
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	14 35	.....	44 35	169 75	91 40	21 00	50 00	7 35	141 86	1193 99
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6	1	16 00	5 00	....	17 00	.....	38 00	144 50	78 30	54 20	12 00	.....	47 30	508 95
134	3	575 50	40 00	89 00	15 35	....	719 85	1006 98	642 39	..	201 50	163 09	935 51	4058 97
31	..	152 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	152 00	281 77	186 75	18 00	50 00	27 02	268 33	1372 90
6	..	18 00	..	.....	2 25	.....	20 25	506 34	246 63	135 50	124 21	.....	211 62	1519 92
12	1	38 00	1 00	.....	.....	60 00	99 00	710 27	290 93	43 00	376 34	....	441 68	7545 24
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Davis	376	Davis	Stephenson	Mon.	18	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	13	..	9	..
Minonk	377	Minonk	Woodford	Tues.	64	4	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	63	..	28	3
Spring Valley	378	Spring Valley	Bureau	Tues.	58	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	60	1	9	12
Good Will	379	Forrest	Livingston	Sat.	56	3	..	2	2	..	..	7	..	..	52	..	13	7
GUTTENBURG	380	Spring Valley	Bureau	Wed.	52	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	48	..	4	18
Irvington	381	Irvington	Washington	Thur	24	1	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	23	..	17	2
Ipava	382	Ipava	Fulton	Wed.	15	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	15	..	..	..
Clover	383	Woodhull	Henry	Mon.	32	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	35	..	25	4
Clay City	384	Clay City	Clay	Sat.	52	3	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	54	..	19	6
ARBEITER	385	Nashville	Washington	Mon.	25	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	23	..	15	2
Arrow	386	Harrisburg	Saline	Mon.	108	21	3	3	3	..	..	10	..	..	122	7	27	20
Chenoa	387	Chenoa	McLean	Wed.	59	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	57	..	21	3
NORTHWESTERN	388	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	73	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	3	64	..	31	8
GARDEN CITY	389	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	81	23	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	103	..	31	3
KANKAKEE	390	Kankakee	Kankakee	Wed.	33	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	34	..	19	..
Edina	391	Streator	LaSalle	Tues.	182	19	..	1	..	2	..	3	..	5	192	1	..	26
Williamson	392	Marion	Williamson	Sat.	60	9	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	65	..	21	2
Ozark	393	Ozark	Johnson	Fri.	18	1	..	3	..	..	..	8	..	..	14	2	6	..
Rome	394	Dix	Jefferson	Sat.	26	2	1	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	22	..	11	4
Alliance	395	Sandoval	Marion	Sat.	89	3	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	1	79	..	23	13
Fountain	396	Pulley's Mills	Williamson	Thur.	29	..	..	3	1	..	..	3	..	1	27	..	11	3
Moore's Prairie	397	Opdyke	Jefferson	Sat.	20	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	19	..	14	..
HUTTEN	398	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	86	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	86	..	33	7
Tonti.	399	Ottawa	LaSalle	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bloomington	400	Bloomington	McLean	Fri.	184	15	1	..	3	..	..	11	..	1	185	..	24	21
Flat Rock	401	Flat Rock	Crawford	Fri.	31	..	..	..	1	..	..	10	..	..	20	..	6	1
Eagle	402	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	111	4	2	1	4	..	..	6	..	2	106	..	14	9
Selah	403	Monticello	Piatt	Tues.	71	3	..	3	..	..	..	16	..	..	61	1	30	2
Eclipse	404	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	83	..	..	1	2	..	..	9	..	1	72	..	24	6
Apollo	405	Makanda	Jackson	Tues.	39	10	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	2	10	1	7	3
Robert Brooker	406	Quincy	Adams	Fri.	47	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	41	..	16	6
LILY OF THE WEST	407	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	109	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	..	3	99	..	23	12
Galva	408	Galva	Henry	Mon.	76	6	4	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	80	1	20	5
Rose	409	Carman	Henderson	Sat.	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	5	..
Hazel Dell	410	Hazel Dell	Cumberland	Wed.	19	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	16	..	7	1
ALLEMANIA	411	Mendota	LaSalle	Thur	45	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	..	17	1
Bentley	412	Carthage	Hancock	Mon.	119	5	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	123	2	28	7
Taylorville	413	Taylorville	Christian	Thur.	64	11	8	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	78	1	29	8
Superior	414	New Holland	Logan	Wed.	22	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	6	4
Murrayville	415	Murrayville	Morgan	Sat.	38	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	22	3
Home	416	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	177	4	3	1	1	..	..	19	..	4	161	..	47	20
Beacon Light	417	Grand Tower	Jackson	Tues	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	16	..	9	2
Paxton	418	Paxton	Ford	Mon.	64	3	2	..	2	..	..	7	1	.	59	..	10	2
York Star	419	York	Clark	Sat.	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	6	..
J. B Turner	420	West Chicago	DuPage	Thur.	60	3	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	64	..	18	6
Greenwood	421	North Alton	Madison	Tues.	44	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	43	..	21	8
New Hartford	422	New Hartford	Pike	Thur.	45	1	1	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	36	..	6	2
Greenview	423	Greenview	Menard	Mon.	31	1	1	..	1	..	..	8	..	..	24	..	8	..
Rock Creek	424	Lanark	Carroll	Fri.	67	1	..	3	3	..	..	12	..	1	52	..	19	7
Allen Springs	425	Allen Springs	Pope	Sat.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Crescent	426	Caseyville	St. Clair	Sat.	58	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	25	18
Nebo	427	Nebo	Pike	Fri.	34	3	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	31	..	8	..
BUREAU	428	Princeton	Bureau	Mon.	31	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	1	25	..	8	1
Marble City	429	Lemont	Cook	Tues.	41	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	37	..	20	8
Mutual	430	Kane	Greene	Wed.	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	14	..	7	..
O'Fallon	431	O'Fallon	St. Clair	Thur.	46	1	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	2	43	..	18	10
DOUGLAS	432	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	138	7	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	139	..	38	15
Galatia	433	Galatia	Saline	Tues.	30	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	34	..	18	1
Mt. Carbon	434	Murphysboro	Jackson	Thur.	119	..	..	2	..	..	..	9	1	4	107	..	32	38
Pride of the V'y	435	East St. Louis	St. Clair	Mon.	142	8	2	2	2	..	..	13	..	2	137	1	37	7
Fayette	436	St. Elmo	Fayette	Sat.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lincoln Park.	437	Chicago	Cook	*Cons.*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ramsey	438	Ramsey	Fayette	Thur.	43	5	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	47	..	6	8

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Weeks' Benefits Paid.	W. F. Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers	Paid for Relief of W. Families.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Paid Special Relief.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.	Receipts for Dues.	Receipts for Initiations, etc.	From Interest and Rents.	Receipts from other Sources.	Expenditures	Net Worth of Lodge.
...	..	.....	.....	16 80	.....	.....	$16 80	$39 97	$39 97	.....	.....	..	$69 63	$560 03
10	..	$30 00	....	.....	$11 00	$100 00	141 00	647 26	265 71	$88 00	$255 00	$88 55	693 67	3896 48
61	..	183 00		..	40	.....	183 40	598 75	301 75	59 00	238 00	...	585 30	1121 97
37	2	125 00	$60 01	3 55	18 15	.....	206 71	483 45	248 95	34 00	.....	200 50	434 58	867 24
47	1	181 00	47 00	.....	.	50 00	278 00	326 55	242 55	10 00	6 00	68 00	428 40	698 17
2	..	6 00	.....	.	5 00	16 40	27 40	140 42	83 95	22 20	34 27	.....	170 23	820 55
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15	..	45 00	.....	.....	10 10	58 35	113 45	268 40	108 70	46 00	113 70	.....	205 87	2505 25
37	.	111 00		.....	50	.....	111 50	778 20	253 55	62 20	461 45	.....	538 16	554 03
3	1	15 00	5 00	.....	30	80 00	100 30	296 90	115 15	.....	173 00	8 75	240 08	2297 55
76	..	228 00	.....	.....	100 60	.....	328 60	703 42	383 39	312 97	7 06	.....	1097 59	814 06
32	..	96 00	.....	.....		.....	96 00	384 20	288 00	20 00	75 00	1 20	356 75	1262 32
23	1	113 05	100 00	.....	2 50	33 75	249 30	1528 17	880 15	.....	648 02	.....	1186 30	4744 79
24	..	120 00	.....	.....	25 25	.....	145 25	1129 18	629 18	375 00	112 50	12 50	574 38	4388 44
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	80 00	302 97	164 15	35 00	103 82	.....	270 55	1952 32
173	2	519 00	10 25	.....	5 00	367 65	901 90	3093 25	1067 93	317 00	730 16	978 16	.....	.....
7	2	21 00	.....	10 00	10 00	50 00	91 00	382 05	184 05	101 50	82 50	14 00	102 00	3874 00
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77 85	48 85	29 00	.....	.....	41 65	706 49
35	..	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	282 66	73 90	36 00	120 00	52 76	228 59	1364 07
30	..	90 00	.....	.....	3 00	45 00	138 00	783 70	.....	460 45	311 50	11 75	561 55	3854 63
2	2	6 00	8 00	.....	34 50	.....	48 50	217 65	2 2 05	15 00	60	.....	58 50	106 87
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	185 40	120 40	25 00	.....	40 00	15 55	654 80
64	..	161 00	.....	.....	32 00	103 00	296 00	746 90	574 90	140 00	.....	32 00	592 55	2100 73
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
65	1	270 00	35	.....	54 80	107 25	432 40	1558 82	1070 55	252 00	192 80	43 47	1051 72	363 50
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31	..	145 00	.....	.....	6 00	148 35	299 35	1044 33	560 30	71 00	17 20	395 83	784 38	1448 44
4	1	12 00	25 00	.....	12 35	.....	49 35	384 95	212 85	36 00	131 35	4 75	402 31	3065 55
33	1	144 00	20 00	.....	47 00	47 00	258 00	701 28	480 03	23 00	6 00	192 25	887 67	3355 37
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	47 00	59 00	282 83	117 83	165 00	.....	.....	182 90	448 68
61	..	305 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	305 00	278 10	243 25	.....	34 85	.....	454 65	1059 51
80	..	392 00	.....	.....	48 00	664 25	1104 25	1265 95	948 20	.....	260 00	57 75	1545 05	3949 50
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3	..	12 00	.....	.....	27 00	.....	39 00	787 60	295 35	60 00	432 25	.	287 15	5025 50
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34	1	102 00	1 00	.....	33 00	60 00	196 00	532 40	351 85	179 50	1 05	.....	466 00	2798 12
23	..	92 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	92 00	110 33	99 65	5 00	15 68	.....	152 35	686 08
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6	..	18 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	20 50	172 35	76 85	.....	95 50	.....	166 15	1911 89
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66	..	216 00	.....	.....	25	54 00	270 25	612 45	210 00	27 00	125 75	249 70	667 22	634 54
131	..	456 00	.....	.....	46 50	416 00	918 50	2416 35	1375 85	147 00	884 00	9 50	1844 92	6028 32
14	1	43 50	5 00	.....	.....	30 00	78 50	231 33	93 38	71 00	66 95	.....	174 06	1759 04
203	1	811 00	2 84	.....	14 16	200 00	1028 00	1079 34	754 12	62 70	76 90	185 62	1536 84	1741 94
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Meridian	439	Villa Ridge	Pulaski	Sat.	41	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	18	2
Templar	440	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	41	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	39	..	18	2
Pawnee	441	Pawnee	Sangamon	Thur.	38	..	1	5	..	..	..	14	..	..	30	..	11	1
Massac	442	Metropolis	Massac	Tues.	87	3	1	..	1	..	..	13	..	..	77	..	25	11
West Liberty	443	West Liberty	Jasper	Thur.	33	1	..	..	2	..	..	7	..	..	25	..	8	3
Calhoun	444	Hardin	Calhoun	Sat.	60	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	58	..	..	..
Clear Lake	445	Riverton	Sangamon	Mon.	59	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	60	..	9	1
First Scandin'vian	446	Galesburg	Knox	Tues.	56	6	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	56	..	26	3
J. Ward Ellis	447	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	129	25	3	2	2	..	..	14	..	..	143	..	21	9
†South Englewood	448	S. Englewood	Cook	Tues.	40	16	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	57	..	11	2
Silurian	449	Grafton	Jersey	Thur.	42	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	43	..	23	3
Lakeside	450	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	75	4	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	77	1	19	4
Syria	451	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	46	..	..	1	1	..	..	8	..	1	37	..	17	3
Relief	452	Cobden	Union	Fri.	63	2	..	3	1	..	..	7	2	..	58	2	15	11
Elkton	453	Elkhorn	Washington	Mon.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Pulaski	454	Mt. Pulaski	Logan	Tues.	66	5	..	4	1	..	..	9	1	..	64	..	13	5
Greening	455	Mackinaw	Tazewell	Sat.	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	23	..	11	..
Otterville	456	Otterville	Jersey	Sat.	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	24	..	16	5
Model	457	Pontoosuc	Hancock	Thur.	38	11	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	49	2	13	1
Sincerity	458	Ripley	Brown	Sat.	47	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	46	..	22	5
Morrisonville	459	Morrisonville	Christian	Fri.	25	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	22	..	16	4
Saybrook	460	Saybrook	McLean	Tues.	90	13	..	1	1	..	..	10	..	1	92	..	23	6
Murphysboro	461	Murphysboro	Jackson	Thur.	25	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	24	..	10	5
Pleasant Hill	462	Pleasant Hill	Pike	Wed.	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	15	..	13	..
Casner	463	Casner	Macon	Wed.	35	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	11	..
Odell	464	Odell	Livingston	Tues.	59	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	61	..	19	4
Springfield	465	Springfield	Sangamon	Mon.	124	65	10	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	197	5	44	13
Upper Alton	466	Upper Alton	Madison	Mon.	62	8	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	69	1	18	10
Palm	467	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	68	..	31	8
Florida	468	Grand Chain	Pulaski	Tues.	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	10	..	6	1
Newman	469	Newman	Douglas	Tues.	115	8	..	..	2	..	..	14	..	..	107	..	18	8
Myrtle	470	Middletown	Logan	Sat.	43	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	38	..	27	2
Piper	471	Piper City	Ford	Sat.	78	2	1	1	3	..	..	9	..	..	70	..	16	3
Omaha	472	Omaha	Gallatin	Sat.	33	4	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	1	32	..	10	6
Sidney	473	Sidney	Champaign	Sat.	26	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	22	..	11	..
Beethoven	474	Streator	LaSalle	Thur.	44	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	45	..	27	10
Crab Orchard	475	Crab Orchard	Williamson	Sat.	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	8	..
Raymond	476	Raymond	Montgomery	Mon.	36	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	33	..	17	6
Olympia	477	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	147	4	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	1	147	..	35	19
Veritas	478	Galesburg	Knox	Thur.	124	3	5	1	3	..	..	8	..	1	121	..	45	23
First Swedish	479	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	160	15	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	2	163	..	38	20
Helvetia	480	East St. Louis	St. Clair	Fri.	83	15	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	96	1	20	8
Arenzville	481	Arenzville	Cass	Thur.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Noble	482	Noble	Richland	Tues.	63	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	2	61	..	22	6
Heyworth	483	Heyworth	McLean	Fri.	66	9	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	71	..	23	9
Southwestern	484	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	47	1	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	43	..	16	6
Manufacturers'	485	Moline	Rock Island	Tues.	92	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	91	..	34	5
Dahlgren	486	Dahlgren	Hamilton	Sat.	24	2	4	3	1	..	..	3	..	4	25	..	14	1
Jewett	487	Jewett	Cumberland	Sat.	27	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	24	..	21	1
South Park	488	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	211	20	1	2	..	..	..	27	..	..	207	..	17	11
Morning Star	489	Fithian	Vermilion	Sat.	36	1	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	36	..	24	1
Justus	490	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	61	2	1	1	1	..	..	12	..	1	51	1	14	3
Manlius	491	Seneca	LaSalle	Tues.	19	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	14	2
Tolono	492	Tolono	Champaign	Wed.	25	1	..	..	2	..	..	6	..	..	18	..	9	1
Rucker	493	Dixon	Lee	Wed.	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	34	..	18	2
Round Hill	494	Saline Mines	Gallatin	Sat.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banner	495	Braidwood	Will	Wed.	97	..	..	3	2	..	..	3	..	2	93	3	22	16
A. C. Marsh	496	Frankfort	Franklin	Sat.	21	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	13	..
Werner	497	Morrisonville	Christian	Tues.	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	7	..	5	..
Hoopeston	498	Hoopeston	Vermilion	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Feuerbach	499	Danville	Vermilion	Tues.	62	2	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	2	61	..	25	4
Altamont	500	Altamont	Effingham	Tues.	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	21	..	18	2
Palmer	501	Palmer	Christian	Sat.	26	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	23	..	..	..

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..	..	$17 00	.....	.....	$1 40	....	$18 40	$295 22	$93 30	$36 25	.....	$165 67	$276 90	$172 93
22	..	105 00	..	.....	14 00	$103 00	222 00	420 45	211 85	6 00	$167 25	35 35	459 50	3141 65
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	149 85	121 65	20 00	8 20	.....	207 00	
118	2	266 00	$6 43	..	3 00	.....	275 43	533 32	402 72	68 00	....	62 60	458 43	1609 78
20	..	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	213 20	132 20	17 00	7 50	56 50	229 85	545 85
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5	..	15 00	. ..	.....	1 00	.....	16 00	364 81	304 00	54 00	.....	6 81	232 87	671 13
20	..	80 00	.....	.....	23 15	85 00	188 15	533 75	304 00	150 00	60 00	19 75	496 05	3099 55
56	..	282 04	.....	.....	43 10	...	325 04	1289 89	604 25	405 50	.....	280 14	965 27	3419 87
9	..	45 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	70 00	757 68	223 50	189 00	294 12	51 06	584 94	890 59
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	41 00	.....	62 00	326 17	158 55	24 50	75 00	70 12	393 42	992 88
11	..	55 00	.....	.....	20 75	.....	75 75	548 78	385 05	86 00	14 30	63 43	442 58	1821 00
2	..	20 00	.....	.....	6 00	118 50	144 75	250 75	238 90	6 00		5 85	313 42	469 72
40	1	120 00	35	.....	116 50	.....	236 85	431 61	50 20	67 80	313 61	.....	500 27	1076 08
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7	1	28 00	1 00	.....	4 0	.....	33 00	632 05	384 95	115 50	131 60	.....	531 26	2106 50
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6	..	18 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	25 00	114 05	31 05	10 00	42 50	30 50	98 85	335 00
8	1	24 00	1 81	.....	6 00	.....	31 81	530 39	180 60	168 00	159 29	22 50	332 06	1962 26
10	1	30 00	16 00	.....	3 60	.....	49 60	571 75	222 75	10 00	113 50	225 50	130 37	2046 52
18	..	54 00	.....	.....	.....	120 00	174 00	148 90	124 25	8 50	2 70	13 45	263 85	1348 90
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6	..	24 00	.....	.....	2 00	56 00	82 00	152 85	119 35	25 00	8 50	.....	168 47	897 10
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27	..	77 00	.....	.....	35 05	.....	112 05	380 20	261 69	109 00	6 94	2 57	295 91	1949 02
134	1	296 00	1 00	.....	51 25	.....	348 25	1962 55	808 35	1024 10	90 00	40 10	1709 20	2959 11
28	.	84 00	... ..	.....	13 00	.....	97 00	498 40	3 4 80	138 60	54 00	1 00	349 00	1752 29
62	.	180 00	.....	.....	30 00	235 03	445 03	732 85	542 00	.....	180 00	10 85	697 43	3652 68
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31	..	93 00	.....	.....	5 50	.....	98 50	857 52	504 07	117 70	219 50	16 25	983 11	2330 18
14	..	49 00	.....	.....	39 50	20 00	108 50	213 10	120 45	25 00	65 75	1 00	286 55	1992 03
9	..	18 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	25 00	389 09	250 99	45 75	79 00	13 35	427 77	1477 63
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184	..	701 00	.....	.....	87 75	64 00	852 75	1258 00	720 50	146 00	265 00	126 50	1129 15	7000 10
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24	..	120 00	.....	.....	59 00	.....	179 00	819 25	507 00	235 00	27 00	50 25	415 99	1519 14
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67	..	201 00	.....	.....	39 00	60 00	300 00	681 65	285 95	61 00	120 00	214 70	602 35	2644 28
47	..	141 00	. ..	.....	169 30	66 29	376 59	662 21	332 85	158 00	170 36	.....	768 95	2747 90
77	..	194 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	194 00	314 60	306 60	7 00	1 00	.....	342 96	523 98
36	1	142 00	15 00	.....	477 75	75 00	709 75	691 01	519 13	62 60	69 15	40 13	1055 54	2771 06
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	2 75	.....	23 75	395 40	75 10	8 70	3 00	236 60	831 31	823 77
3	..	6 00	.....	.....	35	.....	6 35	142 90	15 00	10 00	85 50	32 40	140 62	1350 00
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6	1	18 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00	421 11	93 46	22 00	179 47	126 18	338 47	3468 99
28	..	140 00	.....	.....	15 90	35 00	190 90	429 51	329 75	29 00	.....	70 76	387 63	702 58
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22	..	66 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 00	202 00	65 00	14 00	57 00	66 00	175 50	73 40
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	25 00	1130 68	171 85	12 00	946 83	.....	940 93	1978 92
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106	1	522 00	6 10	.....	58 00	37 32	623 42	1028 35	524 00	7 00	497 3[illegible]	.....	823 42	5928 78
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41	..	123 00	.....	.....	71 00	50 00	244 00	513 31	337 00	58 00	.....	118 31	211 00	5543 34
8	..	23 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	53 00	105 80	105 80	.....	.....	.....	60 00	396 30
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Corinth	502	Corinth	Williamson	Sat	45							4			41	1	23	6
Garden Prairie	503	Garden Prairie	Boone	Tues.	44	7									51	1	9	8
Sulphur Springs	504	Creal Springs	Williamson	Fri.	46	3		4	4			6		1	42		10	2
†Auburn Park	505	Auburn Park	Cook	Fri.	42	4						4		1	41		8	3
New Chicago	506	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	167	9	1		1	2		2		3	169		44	18
Auguste	507	Litchfield	Montgomery	Tues.	26	6	1					1		1	31		19	5
Sinnissippi	508	Prophetstown	Whiteside	Wed.	49	1	1							1	50		19	12
†Normal	509	Englewood	Cook	Tues.	71	5			2			10			64	1	11	6
Anchor	510	Paw Paw	Lee	Wed.	128	2		2	19			6		1	106	1	48	14
Altona	511	Altona	Knox	Sat.	29				1			4			24		11	3
Chromo	512	Tower Hill	Shelby	Tues.	32							5		1	26			
Dwight	513	Dwight	Livingston	Thur.	90	2			1			2			89	1	22	12
Argus	514	Montgomery	Kane	Thur	19	4		2							25		14	1
Gardner	515	Gardner	Grundy	Fri.	32	2						1			33		10	2
Bingham	516	Bingham	Fayette	Tues.	32		1					6			27		9	3
Golden Link	517	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	124	11			2			14	2	1	116		13	11
New Windsor	518	New Windsor	Mercer	Sat.	25										25		8	
Etna	519	Etna	Coles	*Closd*														
Tennessee	520	Tennessee	McDonough	Sat	54	3			1			4		1	51		15	9
Silver Link	521	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	178	19	1		1	1		21			175		27	15
Woodlawn	522	Woodlawn	Jefferson	Thur.	33							9			24		12	2
Marietta	523	Marietta	Fulton	Fri.	58	7	3	1	2			2			65		9	14
Progress	524	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	130	6			1	1		6		5	123		28	17
Kenwood	525	Chicago	Cook	Sat.	119	13	1	1	3			19		1	111		13	15
Alexis	526	Alexis	Warren	Thur.	70	2		1	4			15			54		20	3
Ewing	527	Ewing College	Franklin	Sat.	14							2			12		9	3
Goreville	528	Goreville	Johnson	Wed.	39	1	1							1	40		15	4
Mahomet	529	Mahomet	Champaign	Tues.	53	1	2	1	1	1		1		2	52		7	3
Brookville	530	Brookville	Ogle	*Closd*														
Eintracht	531	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	75	2						2		2	73		27	11
Rochambeau	532	Chicago	Cook	*Cons.*	45							3		2	40		17	9
Sato	533	Sato	Jackson	Thur.	41				1			7		1	32		10	11
Virden	534	Virden	Macoupin	Tues.	46	7		2	2			2			51	3	20	6
Marblehead	535	Marblehead	Adams	Sat.	40	4		2							46	2	9	5
Venus	536	Hollowayville	Bureau	Sat.	35	2								1	36		13	4
Roseville,	537	Roseville	Warren	Wed.	49	2						2			49		18	5
Catlin	538	Catlin	Vermilion	Fri.	51	2	1					2			52		21	4
New Baden	539	New Baden	Clinton	Sat.	22									1	21		14	8
Good Samaritan	540	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	88	6	1		5			11		1	78		14	8
Chrisman	541	Chrisman	Edgar	Wed.	73	1	3	1				1			77		29	11
Gibson	542	Gibson City	Ford	Fri.	97	3		2				13			89		29	4
Auburn	543	Auburn	Sangamon	Sat	48	15	1	4				2	1	1	61		19	8
Northern Light	544	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	123	4	1	1				11			118			15
Oakland	545	Oakland	Coles	Sat	121	3	1	4	4			11		2	112	1		7
Washburn	546	Washburn	Woodford	Thur.	29	1	1	1				7			25		13	1
Alhambra	547	Alhambra	Madison	Sat.	26	4		1				5			26		15	3
Cowden	548	Cowden	Shelby	Tues.	23	1						6			18		6	4
Kaulbach	549	Champaign	Champaign	Wed.	49							1			48		21	7
Industrial	550	Barclay	Sangamon	Sat.	71	6			1			5	1		70	1	14	13
Vera	551	Mitchellsville	Saline	Sat														
Sciota	552	Sciota	McDonough	Sat	61	11		1	1			5			67	3	19	8
Castleton	553	Castleton	Stark	Mon	35	5		1		1		2			38		9	6
Lily	554	Stronghurst	Henderson	Wed	47	6	1		1		1	6			46		17	5
Clinton	555	Trenton	Clinton	Tues.	37							1		2	34			3
Louisville	556	Louisville	Clay	Mon	48	4		1	1			4			48		11	6
Kenney	557	Kenney	DeWitt	Wed	70	10			1			4			75		16	4
Wayne City	558	Wayne City	Wayne	Thur.	54	7			2			8	1		50		17	10
Grateful	559	Pesotum	Champaign	Sat	29			2	3			2			26		10	3
Neponset	560	Neponset	Bureau	Tues.	30							6			24		11	2
John G. Potts	561	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	72	9						1	1		79		15	11
Vandalia	562	Vandalia	Fayette	*Cons*	94	6		1		1		4			96		15	4
Lecture	563	Vermilion	Edgar	Sat	52	3		1				2		1	53		21	4
Oakwood	564	Oakwood	Vermilion	Sat	45	8	1	1				1			54	1	24	1½

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43	..	131 00	.....	.....	89 23	.....	220 23	379 03	295 03	$84 00	.....	.....	323 19	509 74
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	5 00	$30 00	50 00	238 27	145 84	54 50	11 90	$26 03	182 84	109 40
6	..	30 00	.....	.....	15 00	50 00	95 00	553 20	132 50	54 00	.....	366 70	268 85	831 30
112	1	585 00	$20 00	.....	42 00	154 50	801 50	1303 10	941 00	167 00	195 10	.....	1377 33	4945 28
32	..	113 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	143 00	489 55	168 95	68 00	252 60	.....	352 75	843 56
64	..	148 08	.....	5 00	21 50	20 00	194 58	230 60	189 85	32 00	8 75	.....	253 87	1569 15
11	..	40 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	54 00	717 80	305 50	72 00	.....	340 30	564 97	631 79
46	5	139 16	31 93	.....	270 46	44 71	486 26	762 15	455 35	45 90	260 90	.....	656 05	3936 67
21	..	51 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 45	175 95	94 10	10 00	67 95	3 90	177 60	634 85
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99	..	290 00	.....	.....	27 60	.....	317 60	761 50	310 20	30 00	408 75	12 55	612 00	8493 45
5	1	15 00	50	.....	.....	.....	15 50	195 42	106 92	75 50	13 00	.....	69 50	401 14
17	..	54 00	.....	.....	12 00	.....	66 00	330 51	191 41	71 00	37 10	31 00	198 79	261 54
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	20 00	135 20	114 00	8 00	13 20	.....	63 70	443 00
38	..	160 00	.....	.....	64 35	80 00	304 35	1414 63	549 00	190 00	561 00	114 63	1710 57	3212 91
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66	1	89 00	50	.....	10 00	30 00	129 50	551 03	191 79	46 00	311 83	1 41	254 65	1829 00
118	..	434 00	.....	.....	791 62	25 00	1250 62	1243 75	974 75	269 00	.....	.....	1347 80	3378 96
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	5 48	.....	17 48	90 29	67 47	.....	2 82	20 00	62 28	1332 20
38	..	133 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	133 00	426 12	284 37	113 00	28 75	.....	375 65	1187 53
109	2	394 00	12 50	.....	156 50	294 00	857 00	1047 10	779 30	80 00	.....	187 80	1418 44	1764 45
94	2	376 00	44 00	.....	27 00	40 00	487 00	2308 33	568 93	225 00	1514 40	.....	1888 18	1510 59
55	..	165 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	180 00	411 16	322 71	29 35	58 25	85	365 63	1645 61
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	42 90	42 90	.....	.....	.....	54 25	271 91
20	1	60 00	45	.....	11 55	25 00	97 00	169 52	140 94	28 58	.....	.....	161 49	899 19
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 00	402 23	251 40	32 20	63 23	55 40	117 33	1154 10
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32	..	160 00	.....	10 00	367 70	435 79	973 49	1372 05	619 00	30 35	174 04	548 70	1177 88	3894 17
120	1	267 00	2 50	4 30	4 10	50 00	327 90	279 37	202 50	.....	76 87	.....	595 04	1248 00
54	..	164 00	.....	.....	11 00	35 00	210 00	210 90	197 20	.....	10 00	3 70	279 30	564 28
10	..	30 00	.....	.....	66 00	.....	96 00	823 35	208 10	126 00	409 40	79 85	452 34	2403 60
18	..	43 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	48 00	268 50	153 00	69 00	34 50	12 00	120 00	600 00
13	..	26 00	.....	.....	2 55	25 00	53 55	180 09	112 13	48 00	.....	19 96	285 34	672 13
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	15 85	.....	51 85	320 80	172 25	30 00	113 70	4 85	133 25	2156 25
7	1	21 00	10 00	.....	1 00	.....	32 00	261 40	227 40	34 00	.....	.....	248 55	2150 92
18	..	66 00	.....	.....	10 40	.....	76 40	123 75	113 75	.....	10 00	.....	150 85	565 70
20	..	79 00	.....	.....	15 00	31 50	125 50	552 00	440 50	111 50	.....	.....	477 57	911 09
34	..	103 70	.....	.....	9 00	30 00	142 70	692 79	386 40	38 20	262 19	6 00	593 21	2022 28
42	1	78 10	10 00	.....	45	.....	88 55	1557 51	575 38	52 00	660 00	270 13	1063 66	6178 70
41	..	123 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	173 00	975 20	179 05	283 00	104 55	408 60	.....	1716 07
135	..	549 00	.....	.....	122 75	.....	671 75	764 00	641 00	78 00	.....	45 00	.....	.....
76	1	197 00	17 70	.....	1 00	.....	215 70	2707 60	433 49	80 00	129 00	2065 11	.....	.....
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	4 00	224 00	108 00	41 00	75 00	.....	197 61	733 64
15	..	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	232 66	109 30	49 20	64 16	10 00	163 57	876 66
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	128 90	56 90	20 00	52 00	.....	77 95	912 25
18	..	90 00	.....	.....	16 02	.....	106 02	442 50	260 00	.....	182 50	.....	264 17	3096 36
44	...	176 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	179 00	521 75	286 50	81 50	144 00	9 75	745 58	3082 96
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41	3	123 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	138 00	462 00	210 00	126 00	120 00	6 00	70 00	1955 15
29	..	87 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	90 50	398 90	271 90	101 00	25 00	1 00	220 38	783 35
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	15 55	.....	24 55	589 18	194 03	107 00	260 00	28 15	540 62	199 19
8	..	40 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	140 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	1	36 00	8 50	.....	.....	.....	44 50	188 25	145 05	43 20	.....	.....	191 71	1193 67
21	..	63 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 00	670 15	316 90	148 25	205 00	.....	271 24	2785 53
14	..	42 00	.....	.....	50	.....	42 50	264 43	165 83	93 00	.....	5 60	165 81	364 12
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	23 00	171 63	100 13	.....	71 50	.....	97 27	1573 34
2	1	6 00	50	.....	2 00	.....	8 50	150 20	70 20	.....	80 00	.....	85 35	1110 91
63	..	323 10	.....	.....	25 00	.....	348 10	558 15	399 45	121 00	37 70	.....	613 29	1476 74
21	..	55 00	.....	.....	9 75	.....	64 75	457 95	305 30	104 00	48 65	.....	378 10	1202 61
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	50	40 00	67 50	355 16	267 86	85 00	.....	2 30	166 13	2502 10
76	..	177 00	.....	.....	29 40	.....	206 40	763 38	240 28	180 00	37 63	305 47	342 33	1701 30

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Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O. Address	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1897.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1898.	Rejected.	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Rankin	565	Rankin	Vermilion	Fri.	39	3	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	36	..	11	..
Dakota	566	Dakota	Stephenson	Sat.	50	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	52	..	20	8
AURORA	567	Mid-stadt	St. Clair	Tues.	17	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	8	2
Dexter	568	Norris City	White	Tues.	54	2	2	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	53	..	17	7
Kossuth	569	Chicago	Cook	*Closed*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Undine	570	Arrowsmith	McLean	Wed.	28	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	25	..	7	1
Hindsboro	571	Hindsboro	Douglas	Sat.	84	..	..	2	2	3	..	17	1	..	63	..	16	11
Gem	572	Whitefield	Bureau	Sat.	24	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	9	2
Badger Spring	573	Shannon	Carroll	Thur.	27	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	27	..	11	3
WALHALLA	574	Blue Island	Cook	Fri.	68	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	..	19	4
Buda	575	Buda	Bureau	Thur.	56	2	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	55	1	22	5
Fidelity	576	Windsor	Shelby	Wed.	59	16	2	9	1	..	1	11	..	1	72	..	31	3
Monmouth	577	Monmouth	Warren	Fri.	139	5	1	2	..	..	..	20	..	3	124	..	32	18
Victor	578	Grand Ridge	LaSalle	Fri.	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	9	1
Bradford	579	Bradford	Stark	Fri.	57	1	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	57	..	20	7
Ashkum	580	Ashkum	Iroquois	Wed.	15	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	8	..
Evergreen	581	Lick Creek	Union	Fri.	42	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	38	..	19	3
Oak Grove	582	Parrish	Franklin	Sat.	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	13	..	10	2
Swedish Olive	583	Moline	Rock Island	Mon.	187	18	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	205	..	29	42
Linne	584	Chicago	Cook	Sat.	104	7	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	104	..	..	12
Hermon	585	Hermon	Knox	Sat.	12	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	9	..
River	586	Iroquois	Iroquois	Tues.	21	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	18	..	9	..
Perseverance	587	Chicago	Cook	Tues.	57	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	52	..	18	5
New Athens	588	New Athens	St. Clair	Sat.	26	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	13	3
Brothers	589	Mansfield	Piatt	Sat.	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	..
Advance	590	Rock Falls	Whiteside	Wed.	56	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	52	..	28	9
Biggsville	591	Biggsville	Henderson	Thur.	28	1	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	23	..	10	2
Fraternal	592	St. Jacob	Madison	Tues.	34	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	20	3
Lovington	593	Lovington	Moultrie	Wed.	78	6	2	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	78	1	23	7
Rinard	594	Rinard	Wayne	Sat.	46	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	44	..	12	9
Blue Mound	595	Blue Mound	Macon	Thur.	54	4	..	..	..	..	..	10	2	..	46	..	13	2
Kemper	596	Kemper	Jersey	Sat.	30	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	28	..	16	5
Seymour	597	Seymour	Champaign	Sat.	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	13	5
Wataga	598	Wataga	Knox	Mon.	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	19	..	11	2
Areli	599	Cisco	Piatt	Sat.	26	5	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	29	..	14	4
Dove	600	Warrensburg	Macon	Tues.	75	6	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	73	..	24	5
Loyal	601	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	92	5	2	..	1	..	..	11	..	..	87	..	..	3
Streator	602	Streator	LaSalle	Mon.	81	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	2	82	..	25	14
Centennial	603	Papineau	Iroquois	Sat.	29	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	29	..	12	4
Timothy	604	Timothy	Cumberland	Wed.	38	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	33	..	7	3
Bluff	605	Cook's Mills	Coles	Sat.	23	7	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	29	..	15	3
Malta	606	Malta	DeKalb	Tues	23	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	20	..	10	..
Standard	607	Crescent City	Iroquois	Sat.	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	32	..	26	3
Ucal	608	Rock Island	Rock Island	Thur.	98	3	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	85	..	26	7
Charleston	609	Charleston	Coles	Fri.	130	15	..	2	3	..	..	13	..	..	131	..	19	11
ARMINIA	610	Pana	Christian	Fri.	27	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	25	..	16	7
Tunnel Hill	611	Tunnel Hill	Johnson	Fri.	22	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	16	..	9	3
Herscher	612	Herscher	Kankakee	Sat.	28	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	9	2
Peabody	613	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	159	11	..	4	2	..	..	18	..	1	153	1	19	6
Grandview	614	Grandview	Edgar	Sat.	59	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	58	..	24	5
Eddyville	615	Eddyville	Pope	Sat.	36	1	2	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	36	..	18	6
Terre Haute	616	Terre Haute	Henderson	Mon.	63	1	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	56	..	27	2
Hurricane	617	New Columbia	Massac	Fri.	31	3	..	2	1	..	..	4	..	2	29	..	13	2
Beacon	618	Cornell	Livingston	Wed.	65	4	1	2	2	..	..	10	..	1	59	..	18	3
Althea	619	Elgin	Kane	Thur.	57	10	3	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	68	..	12	3
North Star	620	Tioga	Hancock	Sat.	55	1	..	1	2	..	..	10	1	..	44	..	8	5
Pellonia	621	Pellonia	Massac	Wed.	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	16	..	7	..
Marissa	622	Marissa	St. Clair	Thur.	19	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	19	..	14	..
Hunt City	623	Hunt City	Jasper	Sat.	13	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	19	1	..	..
Port Byron	624	Port Byron	Rock Island	Mon.	42	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	41	..	18	..
New Burnside	625	New Burnside	Johnson	Mon.	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	11	1
Orient	626	Chicago H'ts	Cook	Thur.	62	3	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	2	63	1	8	2
Schamo	627	Ohio	Bureau	Thur.	12	1	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	10	..	5	1

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Weeks' Benefits Paid.	W. F. Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of W. Families.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Paid Special Relief.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.	Receipts for Dues.	Receipts for Initiations, etc.	From Interest and Rents.	Receipts from other Sources.	Expenditures.	Net Worth of Lodge.
...	..	.....	.....	...	$5 60	.....	$ 5 60	$282 31	$149 49	$27 00	$100 91	$5 00	$188 05	$1891 53
27	..	$81 00	.....	.....	50 68	.....	131 68	652 98	199 05	74 00	379 93	.....	209 17	400 0 40
4	..	20 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	25 00	199 25	130 50	5 00	63 75	.....	113 85	1904 25
11	2	33 00	$7 25	.....	10 75	$40 00	91 00	219 55	139 80	37 00	26 25	16 50	176 87	969 33
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5	..	9 80	.....	.....	2 50	.....	12 30	195 75	117 25	3 50	75 10	.....	224 35	1188 65
34	..	102 00	.....	.....	7 05	.....	109 05	400 12	242 90	20 00	137 22	.....	305 27	2602 49
8	..	24 00	.....	$5 00	9 00	.....	38 00	228 71	108 75	99 00	4 25	16 71	137 25	459 81
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	7 55	.....	40 55	228 28	139 28	54 00	30 00	5 00	178 73	1307 82
60	..	300 00	.....	....	3 00	.....	303 00	795 93	373 00	42 00	380 93	.....	736 74	2210 19
24	.	72 00	.....	.....	27 00	.....	99 00	323 85	223 00	33 00	67 85	.....	290 69	1075 81
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114	..	570 00	.....	.....	2 00	270 00	842 00	1142 89	792 20	98 85	251 84	.....	1385 52	2353 34
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15	.	41 00	.....		.....	.....	41 00	498 35	287 75	29 00	164 30	17 30	287 78	1638 07
...	..	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	178 00	32 00	17 00	125 00	4 00	44 30	1185 38
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	...	.....	21 00	171 77	113 63	15 00	34 24	8 90	134 17	600 00
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9	..	36 00	....	....	.....	.....	36 00	305 10	98 25	18 00	188 85	.....	189 25	3472 29
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3	..	15 00	.....	.....	3 85	.....	18 85	176 35	116 60	18 00	41 75	.....	170 75	634 14
10	..	40 00	.....	.....	6 50	.....	46 50	245 00	217 50	27 00	.....	50	186 40	865 55
25	..	100 00	.....	.....	13 25	.....	113 25	786 65	206 65	109 00	271 75	199 25	658 57	4028 77
19	2	57 00	70 07	.....	....	30 00	157 07	296 79	170 95	.....	125 84	.....	103 80	904 40
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	15 00	395 45	201 70	48 00	76 40	69 35	28 25	1461 77
14	..	41 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 00	171 66	92 50	21 00	32 16	26 00	212 59	737 55
12	..	30 00	.....	.....	55	.....	30 55	189 05	165 05	.....	24 00	.....	42 55	804 50
2	1	6 00	1 00	.....	10 00	.....	17 00	99 00	68 00	.	31 00	.....	71 29	772 08
13	..	39 00	....	....	50	.....	39 50	430 57	110 40	78 70	241 12	35	372 94	2461 40
19	..	57 00	.....	.....	80 00	75 00	212 00	654 40	364 15	88 00	202 25	.....	345 10	1843 25
1	..	5 00	.....	.....	44 55	.....	49 55	574 43	454 48	119 00	.....	95	.....	.....
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17	..	51 00	.....	.....	.	.....	51 00	191 15	136 04	32 00	18 20	4 91	98 82	1867 28
22	..	24 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	28 00	231 47	223 22	8 00	25	.....	102 50	547 72
4	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	229 95	122 95	102 00	5 00	.....	683 95	735 16
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13	..	45 50	.....	.....	23 75	.....	69 25	259 50	152 50	.....	107 00	.....	254 26	1723 54
34	..	102 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	103 00	1649 30	279 80	42 00	1327 50	.....	253 10	1818 17
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4	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	43 95	55 95	124 55	80 55	5 00	39 00	.....	128 37	1716 81
2	..	4 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	10 00	345 06	168 30	75 00	70 00	31 76	219 43	449 57
16	..	80 00	.....	.....	459 59	66 10	605 69	1496 70	910 90	217 00	.....	368 80	1358 74	3444 88
14	..	42 00	.....	.....	8 80	65 53	116 33	361 63	243 58	14 00	98 25	5 80	289 09	2089 74
29	..	87 00	.....	.....	16 00	.....	103 00	152 80	124 55	28 00	.....	25	129 00	500 00
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7	2	21 00	11 05	.....	33 05	43 50	108 60	206 45	142 25	40 00	4 42	19 78	166 11	1053 06
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	..	.....	27 00	576 89	321 97	69 00	185 92	.....	441 86	1702 08
7	.	18 00	.....	...	3 00	.....	21 00	429 00	301 00	128 00	.....	.....	257 37	1221 89
14	4	44 50	33 41	6 25	3 20	.....	87 39	249 10	174 90	10 00	25 50	38 70	329 26	977 07
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North Henderson	628	N. Henderson	Mercer	Sat.	20	3	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	18	..	10	1
Victoria	629	Victoria	Knox	Sat.	14	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	15	..	9	1
*Palacky	630	Chicago	Cook	Thur	126	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	4	117	..	25	12
Edinburg	631	Edinburg	Christian	Fri.	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	48	..	17	..
Grape Creek	632	Grape Creek	Vermilion	Wed.	72	3	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	69	1	10	6
Kaneas	633	Kansas	Edgar	Fri.	66	6	2	4	..	..	..	9	..	..	69	..	20	8
Farina	634	Farina	Fayette	Mon.	42	3	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	38	..	10	2
Metcalf	635	Metcalf	Edgar	Tues.	62	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	67	..	14	3
Prospect	636	Humboldt	Coles	Sat.	63	6	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	66	..	15	8
Cable	637	Cable	Mercer	Wed.	78	12	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	88	1	..	12
Viola	638	Minier	Tazewell	Thur.	60	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	5	16
Brignton Park	639	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	100	5	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	2	95	..	21	20
Wilton	640	Wilton Center	Will	Sat.	49	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	50	.	30	7
Loraine	641	Loraine	Adams	Sat.	38	5	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	39	..	15	1
Burton	642	Burton	Adams	Sat.	44	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	43	..	21	6
Elco	643	Elco	Alexander	Sat.	19	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	..	8	4
Westfield	644	Westfield	Clark	Thur.	37	5	1	..	1	..	..	2	.	..	40	..	14	3
Park	645	Austin	Cook	Mon.	68	..	..	1	..	1	..	10	..	..	58	.	20	1
Palermo	646	Palermo	Edgar	Sat.	56	11	1	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	64	..	15	6
Floral	647	Athens	Menard	Fri.	35	1	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	29	..	13	5
Gilman	648	Gilman	Iroquois	Mon.	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	20	..	13	3
Woodland	649	Woodland	Iroquois	Sat.	38	8	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	43	..	21	5
Pride of the West	650	Belleville	St. Clair	Tues.	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	45	..	23	7
Falmouth	651	Falmouth	Jasper	Thur	28	4	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	32	..	10	..
Heathsville	652	Heathsville	Crawford	Sat.	37	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	.	9	2
Bristol	653	LaHarpe	Hancock	Wed.	95	5	..	2	..	..	..	10	1	1	86	2	21	7
Evening Star	654	Marissa	St. Clair	Mon.	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	7	..	7	6
Sugar Creek	655	Etherton	Jackson	Wed.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Agree	656	Temple Hill	Pope	Fri.	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	11	..	4	..
Lafayette	657	Lafayette	Stark	Wed.	38	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	40	1	16	2
Humboldt Park	658	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	84	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	83	..	22	10
Bellflower	659	Bellflower	McLean	Fri.	74	12	1	2	1	..	..	9	..	1	78	..	12	4
Monee	660	Monee	Will	Tues.	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	20	..	13	1
Westville	661	Westville	Vermilion	Thur.	72	20	..	..	1	..	..	8	1	..	82	1	8	11
Sheridan	662	Highwood	Lake	Wed.	74	10	2	..	2	..	..	8	1	..	75	1	13	9
Romine	663	Kell	Marion	Sat.	28	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	25	..	12	3
Austin	664	Paris	Edgar	Wed.	128	8	2	3	1	1	..	6	..	..	133	.	31	12
Washington	665	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	147	11	2	2	1	..	..	19	..	2	140	1	22	10
†J. G. Whittier	666	Chicago Lawn	Cook	Thur.	41	1	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	38	.	10	1
White Oak	667	Forreston	Ogle	Thur.	41	2	..	2	..	..	..	6	1	..	38	..	15	..
East Peoria	668	East Peoria	Tazewell	Fri.	37	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	36	..	10	3
DePue	669	DePue	Bureau	Wed.	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	9	1
Good Hope	670	Good Hope	McDonough	Wed.	42	3	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	41	..	18	4
Findlay	671	Findlay	Shelby	Thur	19	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	18	..	5	1
Ava	672	Ava	Jackson	Sat.	54	2	1	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	53	..	21	8
Evanston	673	Evanston	Cook	Mon.	66	5	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	..	63	..	15	3
Ferris	674	Ferris	Hancock	Tues.	64	5	1	5	6	..	..	10	..	..	59	1	9	3
Kirkwood	675	Kirkwood	Warren	Fri.	37	1	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	..	40	..	17	5
Alto	676	Alto Pass	Union	Tues.	43	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	2	15	8
Stanford	677	Stanford	McLean	Sat.	48	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	39	..	14	4
Ridge Farm	678	Ridge Farm	Vermilion	Wed.	24	6	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	26	..	6	6
Braceville	679	Braceville	Grundy	Tues.	118	4	..	2	2	..	..	4	..	1	117	..	23	21
Beacon Hill	680	Hinckley	DeKalb	*Closd*	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roodhouse	681	Roodhouse	Greene	Tues.	45	1	1	3	1	..	..	7	..	1	41	..	11	3
Basco	682	Basco	Hancock	Fri.	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	26	..	9	..
Tacusa	683	Assumption	Christian	Tues.	50	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	45	..	9	6
Riverside	684	Colona	Henry	Sat.	51	1	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	40	..	22	4
Staunton	685	Staunton	Macoupin	Fri.	23	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	20	..	11	1
Orion	686	Orion	Henry	Mon.	36	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	33	..	11	1
Macon	687	Macon	Macon	Sat.	10	7	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	13	1	4	..
Rockbridge	688	Rockbridge	Greene	Sat.	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	16	..	7	1
Kent	689	Rockford	Winnebago	Wed.	103	1	..	3	5	..	..	7	..	2	93	..	17	8
Beecher City	690	Beecher City	Effingham	Sat.	33	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	28	..	12	3

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Weeks' Benefits Paid.	W. F. Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Brothers.	Paid for Relief of W. Families.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Paid Special Relief.	Paid for Burying the Dead.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.	Receipts for Dues.	Receipts for Initiations, etc.	From Interest and Rents.	Receipts from other Sources.	Expenditures.	Net Worth of Lodge.
5	..	$15 00	.....	.....	.....	$25 00	$40 00	$203 25	$76 40	$ 42 00	$ 84 85	.....	$126 35	$1203 81
1	..	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	77 65	42 65	35 00	.....	.....	65 39	308 17
83	1	436 00	$29 00	$27 00	$69 50	412 35	973 85	1303 67	735 00	.....	316 42	$252 25	1299 49	5702 18
16	..	54 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 00	174 70	169 70	5 00	.....	.....	209 62	1625 00
14	..	56 00	.....	.....	42 50	.....	98 50	613 90	476 15	78 50	59 25	.....	168 63	940 97
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	26 50	.....	74 50	486 61	223 00	125 00	110 00	28 61	513 95	2788 78
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	35	.....	6 35	146 35	114 25	27 00	.....	5 10	154 56	391 15
31	..	93 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 00	379 21	198 86	94 00	83 35	3 00	322 45	305 53
16	..	64 0	.....	.....	130 75	5 25	200 00	1228 22	224 42	108 00	780 77	115 03	494 85	5104 03
34	..	136 00	.....	.....	16 27	.....	152 27	677 35	387 45	198 40	.....	91 50	.....	.....
...	..	54 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 00	579 06	379 64	55 20	204 22	.....	403 66	3431 92
141	1	411 50	21 00	11 00	24 50	292 00	760 00	1254 43	763 09	81 50	68 00	341 84	1079 09	1686 45
18	..	54 00	.....	.....	16 50	.....	70 50	365 00	199 00	152 00	14 00	.....	100 43	1652 56
3	2	9 00	13 90	.....	15 00	.....	37 90	217 20	133 70	83 50	.....	.....	185 08	696 70
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	36 00	184 55	146 95	20 00	.....	17 60	128 86	1239 00
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	114 00	150 00	379 20	87 05	76 00	100 00	116 15	182 97	1695 01
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	517 13	125 55	79 00	54 85	257 73	458 14	1170 34
2	..	10 00	.....	.....	70 65	.....	80 65	470 70	275 50	15 00	180 20	.....	561 67	1528 67
46	..	138 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	138 00	490 45	.....	149 00	228 45	113 00	166 05	1521 50
23	..	69 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	79 00	195 30	139 20	19 20	30 95	5 95	316 88	991 09
20	..	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	201 30	79 00	.....	122 30	.....	129 13	2255 97
47	..	105 00	.....	.....	112 00	.....	217 00	281 57	170 14	101 50	4 38	5 55	201 61	1576 75
71	.	323 00	.....	57 00	36 75	180 00	596 75	489 05	392 35	.....	23 25	73 45	759 65	2170 93
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3	..	12 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	13 00	208 74	138 75	27 00	12 99	30 00	341 58	605 45
10	1	30 00	2 00	.....	.....	78 15	110 15	1277 08	372 95	80 00	187 00	637 13	320 05	2699 40
17	..	51 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	54 00	40 25	40 25	.....	.....	.....	27 09	30 76
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4	..	8 00	.....	.....	40	.....	8 40	279 45	149 10	46 35	84 00	.....	227 15	1820 51
59	1	295 00	1 00	11 58	35 00	.....	342 58	707 88	518 13	66 25	22 50	101 00	601 43	1602 33
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	45 00	2058 79	256 83	187 80	152 58	1461 58	1938 11	2098 36
9	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	52 00	88 00	175 20	121 70	.....	53 50	.....	174 48	2355 45
21	..	55 00	.....	.....	3 43	76 73	135 16	830 70	454 30	308 00	67 70	70	360 60	1262 28
31	..	127 00	.....	.....	34 10	.....	161 10	873 92	364 00	262 00	224 55	23 37	599 78	1484 87
49	..	53 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	58 00	156 35	109 49	.....	36 40	10 46	278 00	775 00
53	..	212 00	.....	.....	44 00	.....	256 00	896 14	637 87	136 40	116 67	5 20	692 67	3497 78
76	..	216 00	.....	.....	215 90	90 30	522 20	1335 93	897 65	208 83	102 00	127 45	1762 18	1865 14
1	..	2 00	.....	.....	84 60	.....	86 60	270 45	218 45	22 00	.....	30 00	191 68	493 36
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4	..	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	311 26	238 65	66 50	4 86	1 25	170 82	574 52
4	..	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	161 54	71 85	.....	88 34	1 35	154 05	798 74
25	..	74 00	.....	.....	72 60	.....	146 60	375 54	185 50	56 50	48 00	85 54	244 03	1331 51
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21	..	63 00	.....	.....	37 00	.....	100 00	444 05	286 25	32 00	124 80	1 00	279 08	2762 09
15	..	60 00	.....	.....	14 75	.....	74 75	1352 96	299 00	90 00	963 96	.....	1062 83	4379 34
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	34 00	382 20	253 15	121 00	.....	8 05	337 93	1437 32
7	..	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00	382 65	184 05	33 40	165 20	.....	86 35	1740 17
16	..	56 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 00	274 96	205 46	69 50	.....	.....	131 75	573 40
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	382 25	177 75	15 00	189 50	.....	143 97	2802 70
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	37 00	149 00	78 00	71 00	.....	.....	59 65	184 00
64	2	259 00	15 00	.....	348 00	.....	622 00	840 76	743 85	60 00	26 91	.....	622 00	.....
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4	..	12 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	13 50	235 25	137 35	22 90	75 00	.....	231 55	800 00
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21	..	63 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	65 00	258 25	223 25	35 00	.....	.....	196 20	1683 64
68	...	204 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	204 00	265 45	209 95	15 00	40 50	.....	294 83	1267 06
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	287 91	92 20	5 20	190 41	.....	232 01	1796 10
4	..	16 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	17 25	125 50	123 50	2 00	.....	.....	96 70	461 81
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2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	42 45	42 45	.....	.....	.....	75 45	570 01
115	..	262 00	.....	.....	.....	126 00	388 00	674 78	391 70	40 60	135 48	107 00	735 91	2506 12
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	50	.....	36 50	267 85	150 10	6 00	111 75	.....	85 89	1161 05

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Paul	691	Elgin	Kane	Wed.	176	1	..	1	3	..	..	1	..	1	73	..	21	9
Hutton	692	Hutton	Coles	Sat.	65	2	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	66	..	18	4
La Grange	693	Grossdale	Cook	Fri.	61	2	..	1	4	..	..	26	..	..	34	..	10	3
Iuka	694	Iuka	Marion	Wed.	20	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	12	5
Stonington	695	Stonington	Christian	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
†South Chicago	696	South Chicago	Cook	Thur.	130	12	1	2	1	..	..	15	..	1	128	1	..	23
Montebello	697	Hamilton	Hancock	Sat.	90	4	1	1	1	..	..	12	..	..	83	..	27	9
Jas. A. Garfield	698	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	91	12	..	..	1	..	..	14	..	..	88	1	14	10
Norden	699	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	176	12	3	..	..	..	..	12	1	2	176	..	24	22
Foresyth	700	Forsyth	Macon	Sat.	23	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	21	..	15	2
Nunda	701	Nunda	McHenry	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scott	702	Bluffs	Scott	Sat.	38	5	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	39	..	14	4
Carterville	703	Carterville	Williamson	Fri.	57	16	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	2	71	6	15	1
Fisher	704	Fisher	Champaign	Sat.	76	3	..	1	1	..	..	17	..	1	61	..	14	2
Payson	705	Strawn	Livingston	Thur	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	9	..	..	..
Harvel	706	Harvel	Montgomery	Sat.	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	18	..	13	1
Acme	707	Mt. Olive	Macoupin	Tues.	31	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	31	..	8	5
Palatine	708	Palatine	Cook	Wed.	48	1	1	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	46	..	21	3
Owaneco	709	Owaneco	Christian	Fri.	11	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	7	1
Walnut Hill	710	Walnut Hill	Marion	Sat.	22	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	19	..	12	..
Woodson	711	Woodson	Morgan	Sat.	38	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	32	..	12	6
Clear Creek	712	Trilla	Coles	Thur.	11	6	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	15	..	..	2
Clarksville	713	Dalson	Clark	Sat.	21	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	21	..	14	2
Colchester	714	Colchester	McDonough	Mon.	139	2	2	3	1	..	..	11	..	..	134	2	24	18
Martin	715	Colfax	McLean	Thur.	102	5	..	3	3	..	..	5	..	1	101	1	23	17
Pullman	716	Pullman	Cook	Tues.	135	19	..	2	1	..	..	13	..	2	140	2	19	20
Deering	717	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	120	13	3	2	2	..	..	4	..	3	129	..	23	17
Rock City	718	Batavia	Kane	Tues.	105	9	1	1	2	..	..	9	1	..	104	..	26	15
Venice	719	Venice	Madison	Fri.	44	1	1	2	..	..	..	8	..	..	40	..	5	3
Argenta	720	Argenta	Macon	Sat.	82	..	1	3	1	..	..	10	..	..	75	2	14	4
Essex	721	Essex	Kankakee	Sat.	67	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	66	..	20	7
Hyde Park	722	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	127	16	2	1	3	..	..	7	..	1	135	..	25	16
Lake	723	Antioch	Lake	Sat.	26	2	..	6	..	..	..	4	..	1	29	..	14	2
Oil City	724	Litchfield	Montgomery	Wed.	44	12	3	1	2	..	..	4	..	1	53	..	19	3
Hume	725	Hume	Edgar	Sat.	29	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	18	..
Table Grove	726	Table Grove	Fulton	Tues.	71	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	63	..	12	5
Modesto	727	Modesto	Macoupin	Mon.	35	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	35	..	9	4
Saunemin	728	Saunemin	Livingston	Wed.	38	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	41	1	15	3
Irving	729	Irving	Montgomery	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hampshire	730	Hampshire	Kane	Mon.	32	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	32	..	11	2
Stonefort	731	Stonefort	Saline	Sat.	52	2	..	2	1	..	..	2	..	2	51	1	8	3
South Star	732	Friendsville	Wabash	Sat.	18	3	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	18	..	9	..
Columbian	733	Sibley	Ford	Mon.	41	1	..	..	3	..	..	10	..	..	29	..	..	..
London	734	London Mills	Fulton	Mon.	40	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	21	1
Bethalto	735	Bethalto	Madison	Tues.	71	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	73	..	24	5
Lowman	736	Somerset	Saline	Sat.	30	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	9	6
Otego	737	Brownstown	Fayette	Wed.	32	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	27	..	12	4
Sadorus	738	Sadorus	Champaign	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sanhedrim	739	Collison	Vermilion	Fri.	13	6	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	24	1	11	2
Deland	740	Deland	Piatt	Thur.	32	6	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	36	..	12	..
Ransom	741	Ransom	LaSalle	Wed.	37	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	35	..	15	5
Arthur	742	Arthur	Douglas	Fri.	56	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	55	..	20	4
Cyclone	743	Huntsville	Schuyler	Thur.	26	..	..	2	4	..	..	3	..	1	20	..	10	..
Rose Hill	744	Rose Hill	Jasper	Sat.	13	7	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	18	1	9	1
J. G. Rogers	745	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	66	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	65	..	17	6
Mount Hope	746	McLean	McLean	Sat.	64	21	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	83	..	20	3
Casey	747	Casey	Clark	Sat.	76	10	2	2	3	1	..	6	..	..	80	..	23	4
Crossville	748	Crossville	White	Wed.	40	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	39	..	16	1
Bethany	749	Bethany	Moultrie	Mon.	66	13	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	76	1	24	2
Downer's Grove	750	Downer's Gr'v	DuPage	Mon.	52	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	49	..	..	3
Iron Link	751	Cummings	Cook	Tues.	51	..	..	..	1	..	..	11	..	..	39	..	12	8
Good Faith	752	Cuba	Fulton	Wed.	94	3	2	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	96	..	18	15
Hettick	753	Hettick	Macoupin	Sat.	26	4	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	1	22	..	9	3

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58	..	$269 00	.....	.....	$42 00	$65 70	$376 70	$503 27	$410 15	$25 00	$61 12	$7 00	$681 30	$2012 86
11	2	33 00	$15 35	.....	3 00	.....	51 35	919 74	270 89	23 00	3 45	622 40	329 05	1633 98
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	176 60	137 40	39 20	.....	.....	45 00	287 72
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	50 00	80 33	60 65	.....	16 50	3 18	79 39	1202 85
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204	..	809 00	.....	.....	87 00	206 73	1102 73	1225 90	641 75	240 50	.....	343 65	.....	.....
33	..	132 00	.....	.....	18 25	.....	150 25	799 89	376 25	87 20	185 00	151 44	1605 85	3452 89
64	..	185 00	.....	.....	118 50	.....	303 50	688 65	427 75	176 00	.....	84 90	796 21	1036 51
147	3	869 00	28 00	.....	100 00	200 00	1197 00	1942 44	1443 69	262 50	120 00	116 25	1853 52	4748 60
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	105 70	100 70	5 00	.....	.....	15 00	1590 50
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13	..	39 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	40 50	454 82	183 05	81 25	120 00	70 52	245 74	2741 93
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	26 50	50 50	104 00	785 69	347 84	304 50	55 35	78 00	558 56	1857 85
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	.....	56 00	65 00	756 45	287 51	47 00	421 94	.....	225 41	3351 43
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92 92	42 92	50 00	.....	.....	50 00	222 92
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	29 00	67 35	59 35	.....	7 00	1 00	66 85	310 00
20	..	80 00	.....	.....	16 50	.....	96 50	251 00	161 50	26 25	63 25	.....	309 02	669 24
8	..	32 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	39 00	386 07	163 57	23 50	184 00	15 00	339 56	868 16
23	..	69 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 00	43 75	43 75	.....	.....	.....	126 05	333 95
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 52	41 52	.....	1 00	.....	42 20	564 24
16	1	48 00	50	.....	25 00	.....	73 50	192 50	155 80	5 20	7 50	24 00	185 69	1158 97
3	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	46 07	30 00	16 00	.....	.....	20 55	522 07
8	..	24 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	44 00	62 12	49 00	2 00	6 12	5 00	80 25	374 89
224	..	514 00	.....	.....	149 00	.....	663 00	1348 20	662 40	90 10	.....	595 70	1233 24	3270 63
128	2	384 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	414 00	655 70	529 10	73 60	3 00	50 00	725 02	1397 13
93	2	444 00	15 00	.....	158 00	170 51	787 51	2156 89	887 59	292 00	21 00	956 30	2148 00	3363 94
54	1	268 00	39 69	.....	127 22	20 00	634 91	1389 35	1010 00	302 00	77 35	.....	375 00	813 99
67	1	331 00	10 00	.....	1 00	.....	342 00	861 75	563 75	210 00	85 00	3 00	609 11	2760 75
19	..	90 00	.....	.....	14 55	.....	104 55	202 00	166 00	29 00	.....	7 00	214 24	667 98
12	1	36 00	3 67	10 00	9 00	68 00	126 67	763 52	310 37	30 40	165 46	257 29	513 79	2025 44
35	..	140 10	.....	.....	14 65	96 00	250 75	325 80	295 80	30 00	.....	.....	318 05	1806 03
62	..	261 00	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	281 00	1024 94	510 09	200 00	314 85	.....	1021 49	2177 06
33	..	68 00	.....	.....	50	49 00	117 50	195 44	64 24	31 20	.....	100 00	200 24	279 41
6	1	18 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00	378 10	212 35	165 75	.....	.....	293 60	1046 52
...	..	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50	575 00	193 75	16 00	353 25	12 00	505 50	1590 00
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	35 00	498 71	352 71	.....	146 00	.....	510 34	2042 38
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6	..	18 00	.....	.....	5 00	50 00	73 00	219 08	130 43	63 65	.....	25 00	276 36	671 34
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2	..	6 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	7 00	318 85	125 10	37 00	150 00	6 75	467 05	3035 05
46	..	138 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	138 00	439 92	296 30	64 00	79 62	.....	310 09	1718 59
32	..	96 00	.....	.....	18 00	.....	114 00	224 75	107 40	105 00	12 35	.....	128 86	599 35
11	..	33 00	.....	.....	.....	66 15	99 15	137 83	81 88	.....	55 95	.....	165 57	1554 41
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...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	295 00	199 35	78 50	17 15	.....	81 25	658 71
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	264 94	152 00	.....	101 34	11 60	222 74	1528 13
4	..	16 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	18 00	1450 14	248 69	96 03	347 15	758 27	149 62	3312 09
...	..	3 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	33 00	68 20	60 20	8 00	.....	.....	64 50	434 30
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	8 00	173 69	62 04	99 00	12 65	.....	40 92	500 00
9	1	45 00	20 00	.....	84 00	.....	149 00	554 80	408 55	60 00	.....	86 25	364 93	1140 67
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	19 00	639 85	258 85	381 00	.....	.....	189 54	1501 00
8	..	16 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	20 00	554 77	244 05	130 00	156 52	24 20	484 87	3309 26
1	1	3 00	1 00	.....	4 00	.....	8 00	133 45	104 45	17 00	12 00	.....	109 15	574 71
16	..	48 00	.....	.....	8 00	20 00	76 00	845 10	360 94	178 70	240 00	65 46	670 74	1675 00
36	..	86 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 00	282 02	166 10	30 00	57 96	28 96	.....	....
27	2	111 00	30 00	.....	10 00	.....	151 00	244 50	241 00	3 00	.....	50	305 35	1006 79
37	2	102 00	5 50	.....	10 00	40 00	157 50	633 45	477 25	73 20	83 00	.....	457 05	3412 37
16	..	40 00	.....	.....	4 10	25 00	69 10	105 00	82 00	23 00	.....	.....	84 10	205 90

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Name of Lodge.	No of Lodge.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Membership March 31, 1897.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned.	Suspended.	Dropped.	Expelled.	Died.	Contributing Members March 31, 1898.	Rejected.	No. Past Grands.	Brothers Relieved.
Janesville	754	Janesville	Coles	*Cons.*	9	..	..	1	2	..	..	3	..	..	5	..	3	4
Phœnix	755	Arlington H'ts	Cook	*Cons.*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
KOERNER	756	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	125	10	2	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	131	..	17	13
Kinderhook	757	Kinderhook	Pike	Tues.	56	8	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	57	..	15	5
Browns	758	Browns	Edwards	Sat.	47	3	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	2	48	..	16	1
Stone's Prairie	759	Plainville	Adams	Sat.	54	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	..	12	13
John Wilson	760	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	105	7	1	2	3	..	..	11	..	..	101	..	17	14
Atwood	761	Atwood	Piatt	Wed.	87	15	1	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	99	3	15	9
Ancona	762	Ancona	Livingston	Wed.	17	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	14	..	..	1
Rock Grove	763	Rock Grove	Stephenson	Tues.	32	2	..	..	1	..	..	10	..	..	23	..	10	..
Montrose	764	Montrose	Effingham	Sat.	10	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	10	..
Berwick	765	Berwick	Warren	Tues.	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	44	..	13	..
Hegewisch	766	Hegewisch	Cook	Thur.	43	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	..	..	2
Hebron	767	Hebron	McHenry	Tues.	31	29	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	60	3	9	5
Genoa	768	Genoa	DeKalb	Mon.	95	3	..	4	..	..	..	17	..	1	84	1	12	13
Coral	769	Union	McHenry	Mon.	34	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	11	1
Welcome	770	Pleasant Plains	Sangamon	Sat.	38	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	42	1	11	2
Momence	771	Momence	Kankakee	Tues.	52	7	2	..	1	1	..	5	..	..	54	3	12	1
Delta	772	Simpson	Johnson	Sat.	33	1	..	4	3	..	..	7	..	1	27	2	..	2
West Union	773	West Union	Clark	Sat.	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	20	..	5	..
Allerton	774	Allerton	Vermilion	Thur.	37	11	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	46	..	15	8
Bond	775	Smithboro	Bond	Wed.	35	2	..	2	3	..	..	3	..	1	32	2	10	4
Black Hawk	776	Capron	Boone	Fri.	76	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	74	1	13	4
Herald	777	Anchor	McLean	Wed.	48	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	50	..	14	4
Ambrosia	778	Atlas	Pike	Sat.	32	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	..	1
Williamsfield	779	Williamsfield	Knox	Wed.	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	..	..	1
Central	780	Seaton	Mercer	Sat.	51	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	50	1	16	2
Jackson	781	Vergennes	Jackson	Fri.	33	..	..	3	2	..	..	8	..	..	26	..	10	5
Prosperity	782	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	121	8	2	2	1	..	..	8	..	1	123	3	16	13
Odd-Fellows	783	Normal	McLean	Thur.	47	5	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	50	..	15	2
Eastern Rose	784	Rose Bud	Pope	Sat.	21	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	6	7
Wellington	785	Wellington	Iroquois	Tues.	37	1	1	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	32	1	10	3
Cameron	786	Cameron	Warren	Sat.	48	5	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	48	..	12	5
LaPlace	787	LaPlace	Piatt	Mon.	57	2	..	..	5	..	..	5	..	..	49	..	12	2
Boyd	788	Boyd	Jefferson	Wed.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Egypt	789	Pulaski	Pulaski	Thur.	36	2	..	..	3	..	..	10	..	..	25	..	8	6
Yale	790	Yale	Jasper	Thur.	25	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	27	..	11	..
Fairland	791	Fairland	Douglas	Thur.	38	6	..	4	3	..	..	8	..	..	37	..	7	2
Ashmore	792	Ashmore	Coles	Tues.	45	5	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	46	..	14	4
Waukegan	793	Waukegan	Lake	Tues.	114	8	4	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	121	2	18	13
Dewey	794	Dewey	Champaign	Fri.	57	3	1	..	1	..	..	3	2	1	54	..	13	7
Palestine	795	Secor	Woodford	Tues.	37	4	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	34	..	12	2
Cheneyville	796	Cheneyville	Vermilion	Wed.	49	3	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	..	47	..	14	7
Baldwin	797	Baldwin	Randolph	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pomona	798	Pomona	Jackson	Thur.	28	1	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	25	..	6	4
Salisbury	799	Salisbury	Sangamon	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Royal	800	Clyde	Cook	Thur.	45	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	44	..	12	3
Peace	801	Princeton	Bureau	Tues	39	3	1	2	6	..	..	2	..	..	37	..	7	..
Egyptian	802	Union Church	Union	Tues.	21	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	14	..	5	1
Ladd	803	Ladd	Bureau	Thur	53	2	..	1	1	..	1	5	2	..	47	..	8	3
Utica	804	Utica	LaSalle	Tues.	33	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	28	..	15	8
Parkville	805	Parkville	Champaign	Sat.	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	26	..	..	..
Keystone	806	Bureau	Bureau	Sat.	27	1	..	1	4	..	..	4	..	..	21	..	7	2
Bogota	807	Bogota	Jasper	Tues.	26	5	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	24	..	8	..
Sheffield	808	Sheffield	Bureau	Mon.	44	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	49	..	9	..
Ellsworth	809	Ellsworth	McLean	Fri.	40	..	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	25	..	8	1
Fish Hook	810	Fish Hook	Pike	Sat.	46	5	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	48	..	7	3
Center Point	811	Boaz	Massac	Tues.	15	..	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	11	..	..	..
Three Links	812	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	269	53	4	2	..	..	..	25	1	3	299	..	8	35
Youngstown	813	Youngstown	Warren	Tues.	34	3	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	35	..	8	2
Lawrenceville	814	Lawrenceville	Lawrence	Mon.	61	2	2	1	..	..	..	9	..	2	55	..	9	3
Rockefeller	815	Gray's Lake	Lake	Thur.	29	4	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	30	..	5	..
Thawville	816	Thawville	Iroquois	Sat.	34	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	35	..	8	3

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159	..	$210 00	.....	.....	$2 25	.....	$212 25	$21 50	$17 00	$4 00	.....	$ 50	$250 36	$107 49
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25	2	125 00	$15 66	.....	12 50	$70 00	223 16	632 55	489 55	143 00	.....	.....	410 53	1716 84
15	..	45 00	.....	.....	50	.....	45 50	729 52	217 77	101 95	$410 10	.....	203 63	2193 58
20	..	80 00	.....	.....	16 66	120 00	216 66	365 86	284 85	46 20	29 81	5 00	380 39	1309 65
45	1	135 00	1 00	.....	8 00	.....	144 00	289 67	188 90	66 50	30 00	4 27	466 55	1135 30
145	..	304 00	.....	.....	38 50	.....	342 50	694 00	538 00	121 00	.....	35 00	435 00	1750 00
16	1	56 00	3 00	.....	1 75	.....	60 75	1086 93	452 87	381 00	240 00	13 06	1135 64	3020 38
30	.	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	18 00	13 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
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13	..	48 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	53 00	249 50	160 25	48 00	.....	41 25	.....	.....
17	..	44 00	.....	.....	5 00	41 00	90 00	557 85	130 75	395 00	.....	32 10	237 48	774 49
85	..	255 00	.....	.....	29 60	46 50	331 10	740 35	461 35	110 00	169 00	.....	546 00	1156 96
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	14 00	193 10	137 40	19 20	15 00	21 50	124 51	758 08
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	10 00	290 15	215 90	65 35	2 91	5 99	45 00	1008 20
21	2	72 00	52 50	.....	92 50	.....	217 00	557 10	388 60	101 00	67 50	.....	327 25	740 57
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	31 00	65 50	28 50	37 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
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17	..	51 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 00	374 04	162 70	155 00	41 34	15 00	25 15	1006 53
6	..	18 00	.....	.....	5 35	50 00	73 35	214 10	156 80	41 40	12 90	3 00	211 92	472 89
5	..	15 00	.....	$30 00	5 00	.....	50 00	473 55	323 30	25 00	125 00	25	387 40	2995 26
9	..	27 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 00	347 54	278 48	42 00	27 06	.....	407 71	739 68
9	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	37 55	31 55	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
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12	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	263 20	147 35	.....	115 85	.....	146 85	1102 11
14	..	42 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	62 00	308 77	139 90	12 00	.....	156 87	203 27	1118 02
30	..	150 00	.....	.....	8 00	96 50	251 50	1332 86	695 75	213 55	37 79	383 77	974 42	1669 33
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	505 15	280 90	83 00	113 25	28 00	294 82	811 30
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13	..	52 00	.....	.....	19 42	.....	71 42	363 15	261 75	87 25	8 00	6 15	193 64	775 59
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12	..	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	196 52	124 60	28 00	43 92	.....	93 53	572 48
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	163 95	97 75	12 20	54 00	.....	134 41	174 44
12	..	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00	397 12	182 27	94 00	106 00	14 85	107 17	661 55
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	41 00	286 68	200 93	80 20	5 55	.....	85 88	1288 65
45	..	225 00	.....	.....	103 00	.....	328 00	1052 30	661 20	154 50	235 60	1 00	941 39	2021 48
28	..	78 00	.....	.....	2 26	60 00	140 26	319 60	201 45	46 50	13 20	58 45	313 15	622 16
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	180 83	101 70	74 70	.....	4 43	77 35	725 73
59	..	177 00	.....	.....	50 00	.....	227 00	376 82	230 35	45 00	100 47	1 00	378 85	2374 67
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7	..	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	172 66	37 72	31 81	.....	103 13	148 95	159 96
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15	..	66 00	.....	.....	50	10 00	76 50	370 22	289 55	27 00	40 67	13 00	338 38	651 87
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450 42	129 83	30 00	156 00	134 59	440 23	662 85
...	..	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	154 30	154 30	.....	.....	.....	47 84	35 58
4	..	20 00	.....	.....	8 00	.....	28 00	379 76	269 00	38 00	69 96	2 80	317 38	510 69
17	..	51 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	53 50	121 80	119 80	2 00	.....	.....	148 75	347 46
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89 00	59 00	30 00	.....	.....	101 36	.....
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	144 85	96 60	25 20	12 00	11 05	141 90	389 44
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178 35	97 77	73 00	7 58	.....	148 37	536 72
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	338 83	165 00	110 50	63 33	.....	216 04	132 13
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	9 15	.....	18 15	227 74	147 60	.....	69 74	10 40	188 86	663 89
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	35	.....	15 35	393 15	118 20	79 00	177 20	18 75	236 84	2258 02
...	..	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50	67 60	25 45	42 15	.....	.....	.....	.....
252	..	1198 00	.....	.....	271 00	25 00	1494 00	3492 76	2165 89	905 00	421 87	.....	2463 93	6222 14
7	3	21 00	3 70	.....	65 50	.....	90 20	272 74	144 36	47 00	6 00	75 38	142 63	479 60
29	..	87 00	.....	.....	16 90	40 00	143 90	350 04	277 95	12 00	47 84	12 25	338 70	1335 57
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 00	106 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	414 95
5	..	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	195 85	123 20	36 00	36 65	.....	135 55	275 89

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West Pullman	817	West Pullman.	Cook	Sat.	84	18	4	2	4	..	..	7	..	..	97	..	9	7
Toluca	818	Toluca	Marshall	*Closd*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
El Paso	819	El Paso	Woodford	Mon.	47	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	44	..	9	..
St. Anne	820	St. Anne	Kankakee	Thur	44	5	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	42	..	10	2
Rock Creek	821	Rock Creek	Hardin	Sat.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Englewood Hill	822	Chicago	Cook	Sat.	81	13	1	..	1	1	..	11	..	1	81	..	7	4
Yantisville	823	Yantisville	Shelby	Sat.	20	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	20	..	6	1
Ideal	824	Cave in Rock	Hardin	Sat.	29	8	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	37	2	7	2
Woodlawn Park	825	Chicago	Cook	Wed.	204	13	5	1	4	..	..	21	..	1	197	..	16	16
Lamotte	826	Palestine	Crawford	Tues.	35	3	1	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	34	1	9	7
Percy	827	Percy	Randolph	Sat.	43	13	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	56	4	8	4
Lucas	828	Elliottstown	Effingham	*Cons.*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Linden	829	Lindenwood	Ogle	Mon.	41	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	44	..	7	7
Elkville	830	Elkville	Jackson	Sat.	67	14	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	79	2	6	20
Souvenir	831	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	71	11	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	2	71	..	8	8
Boone	832	Poplar Grove	Boone	Mon.	50	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	48	..	7	2
Cooksville	833	Cooksville	McLean	Tues.	38	4	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	37	..	6	..
Summit	834	Baylis	Pike	Tues.	45	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	45	..	6	..
Mill Shoals	835	Mill Shoals	White	Sat.	50	13	..	..	1	1	..	3	1	1	56	..	8	7
Coatsburg	836	Coatsburg	Adams	Thur.	24	5	..	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	26	2	8	3
Towanda	837	Towanda	McLean	Thur.	40	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	36	..	8	1
Gallatin	838	Shawneetown	Gallatin	Wed.	43	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	42	..	7	1
Yorkville	839	Yorkville	Kendall	Fri.	54	6	1	..	5	..	..	7	..	..	49	..	8	3
East Dubuque	840	East Dubuque	JoDaviess	Wed.	12	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	10	..	5	..
Peotone	841	Peotone	Will	Mon.	18	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	21	..	4	..
Foosland	842	Foosland	Champaign	Sat.	60	9	..	..	2	4	..	2	..	1	60	..	6	4
Ridgway	843	Ridgway	Gallatin	Sat.	46	5	2	..	1	..	..	4	..	1	47	1	..	2
West Point	844	West Point	Hancock	Wed.	39	7	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	43	..	4	2
Danvers	845	Danvers	McLean	Tues.	44	7	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	47	..	5	5
Ingraham	846	Ingraham	Clay	Wed.	36	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	33	..	5	6
Monticello	847	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	54	2	1	..	3	..	..	6	2	1	45	..	7	4
Wanlock	848	Wanlock	Mercer	Sat.	55	13	3	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	67	3	6	10
New City	849	New City	Sangamon	Tues.	27	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	26	..	7	1
Oblong	850	Oblong	Crawford	Wed.	15	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	12	..	4	2
Beverly	851	Beverly	Adams	Thur.	26	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	5	..
Granite City	852	Granite City	Madison	Mon.	68	6	..	..	1	..	..	10	..	..	63	..	7	9
Armstrong	853	Armstrong	Vermilion	Thur.	53	4	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	53	..	5	10
Olmsted	854	Olmsted.	Pulaski	Sat.	31	2	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	27	..	5	1
Elm River	855	Enterprise	Wayne	Sat.	26	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	34	1	4	..
Joliet	856	Joliet	Will	Mon.	40	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	41	..	7	..
Old Colony	857	Hudson	McLean	Fri.	34	14	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	5	..
Englewood	858	Chicago	Cook	Thur	128	25	4	..	..	..	..	11	..	3	143	..	11	22
Bedford	859	Cisne	Wayne	Thur	45	1	1	..	2	..	..	6	..	..	39	..	4	4
Patoka	860	Patoka	Marion	Tues.	28	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	7	1
Big Bay	861	McNoel	Massac	Sat.	31	1	..	..	2	..	..	9	..	..	21	..	5	3
Bradley	862	Bradley	Kankakee	Thur.	53	5	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	..	49	..	8	5
Johnsonville	863	Johnsonville	Wayne	Tues.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bowen	864	Bowen.	Hancock	Thur	50	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	8	4
Hopedale	865	Hopedale	Tazewell	Mon.	37	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	41	..	5	4
Odin	866	Odin	Marion	Thur.	35	8	2	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	42	2	9	1
Grant Park	867	Grant Park	Kankakee	Wed.	32	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	32	..	5	2
Electric	868	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	46	19	7	..	6	..	..	5	..	..	61	4	5	8
Winterrowd	869	Winterrowd	Effingham	Fri.	43	1	..	..	2	..	..	12	..	..	30	..	7	6
Ben Hur	870	Aurora	Kane	Wed.	72	12	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	90	..	16	4
Avondale	871	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	52	10	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	60	2	8	2
Miller	872	Payson	Adams	Sat.	30	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	3	2
Lincoln Park	873	Chicago	Cook	Mon.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carrier Mills	874	Carrier Mills	Saline	Fri.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Van Buren	875	Chicago	Cook	Fri.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nathan	876	Alma	Marion	Tues.	9	23	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	1	..	6
Mendon	877	Mendon	Adams	Mon.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
White City	878	Chicago	Cook	Thur.	25	31	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	..	5	..
Sherwood	879	Keyesport	Clinton	Tues.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

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27	..	$86 00	.....	.....	$27 00	.....	$113 00	1647 07	$540 33	$310 00	$660 00	$136 74	1050 14	$1816 91
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	275 98	144 85	14 00	117 13	.....	236 66	469 69
23	..	69 00	.....	.....	11 10	.....	80 10	298 95	208 95	83 00	7 00	.....	253 17	257 47
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	260 31	150 60	37 00	.....	72 71	212 76	267 74
51	..	109 00	.....	.....	.....	$62 40	171 40	559 30	365 30	172 00	.....	22 00	652 63	1173 33
...	..	.....	.....	.....	12 25	.....	12 25	110 90	62 90	48 00	.....	.....	60 72	209 23
3	..	9 00	.....	.....	41 87	.....	50 87	385 70	171 30	214 40	.....	.....	187 77	538 53
95	1	342 00	$10 00	.....	269 55	103 00	724 55	3077 61	1154 16	273 00	1424 00	226 45	3092 08	2913 47
11	..	44 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 00	205 31	122 50	38 00	40 81	4 00	140 30	269 16
54	..	157 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	177 00	584 30	237 30	190 00	.....	157 00	517 50	1175 44
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	..	36 00	.....	.....	9 00	40 00	85 00	259 70	206 90	50 00	.....	2 80	163 12	628 47
51	..	363 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	363 00	562 05	392 05	170 00	.....	.....	629 85	546 00
18	..	61 00	.....	.....	.....	152 79	213 79	943 29	324 30	165 00	216 00	207 99	973 16	873 36
5	..	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	266 10	241 10	25 00	.....	.....	200 43	713 64
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215 80	155 45	57 00	.....	3 35	226 50	284 25
...	..	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	264 88	157 10	65 00	42 78	.....	157 62	517 76
20	.	57 00	.....	.....	4 86	18 00	79 86	592 79	288 95	184 90	133 72	65 22	1189 17	1160 77
4	.	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	293 64	126 60	75 00	64 04	28 00	163 38	268 02
1	1	3 00	1 70	.....	1 00	.....	5 70	212 45	188 15	23 00	.....	1 30	279 72	478 80
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	246 58	164 58	17 00	.....	65 00	110 95	385 35
7	..	14 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	15 50	314 67	230 60	77 00	.....	7 07	163 09	628 27
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 80	59 00	17 00	.....	26 80	101 35	108 26
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126 70	73 70	53 00	.....	.....	88 95	260 17
10	.	30 00	.....	.....	37 50	.....	67 50	409 95	276 56	129 00	4 39	.....	368 57	557 67
11	1	33 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	58 00	197 95	118 45	79 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	1	17 50	35	.....	.....	.....	17 85	249 73	133 73	110 00	6 00	.....	147 10	607 18
5	..	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	472 44	205 10	102 00	25 00	140 34	424 30	589 36
14	..	42 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00	166 21	114 48	42 00	9 73	.....	77 59	369 71
22	..	104 00	.....	.....	2 50	12 00	118 50	358 30	239 00	51 50	.....	67 80	365 59	503 35
31	..	124 00	.....	.....	39 00	.....	163 00	455 24	292 19	152 80	.....	10 25	304 45	976 65
1	..	3 00	.....	.....	1 35	.....	4 35	130 00	122 00	8 00	.....	.....	57 35	263 28
3	..	12 00	.....	.....	6 35	.....	18 35	63 95	43 95	20 00	.....	.....	66 10	103 08
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	228 00	156 75	62 00	.....	9 25	104 38	445 28
16	..	80 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	86 00	346 00	287 00	59 00	.....	.....	174 00	317 00
31	..	87 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 00	367 10	213 35	90 00	63 75	.....	306 88	567 22
2	.	6 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	7 25	115 02	102 02	13 00	.....	.....	58 25	304 16
...	1	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	1 40	215 65	105 15	110 50	.....	.....	8 07	595 79
...	1	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	50	263 80	177 30	86 50	.....	.....	249 33	132 82
..	.	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	55	335 00	141 00	194 00	.....	.....	155 77	644 10
105	..	453 50	.....	.....	270 60	244 85	968 95	1717 61	796 50	344 00	.....	577 11	1686 14	1337 49
8	.	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	285 97	186 30	30 00	56 00	13 67	313 48	908 43
2	..	6 00	.....	.....	21 00	.....	27 00	163 75	92 14	32 00	.....	39 61	171 21	218 36
27	..	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	119 70	67 65	27 00	.....	25 05	137 74	139 58
14	..	53 00	.....	.....	33 50	.....	86 50	523 08	298 40	85 00	56 73	82 95	482 17	788 53
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	372 85	229 50	52 00	.....	91 35	172 47	882 38
8	1	24 00	2 00	.....	24 00	.....	50 00	415 65	218 65	197 00	.....	.....	175 00	815 00
11	1	29 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	330 70	208 90	121 00	.....	80	370 85	523 90
5	..	17 50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	19 50	304 10	182 85	101 25	20 00	.....	113 70	698 06
7	1	21 00	5 00	.....	3 00	.....	29 00	290 95	183 95	34 00	73 00	.....	189 87	491 57
16	..	59 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	84 00	763 65	340 25	410 50	.....	12 90	190 88	572 49
8	..	22 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 50	118 89	101 49	14 00	.....	3 40	92 00	278 10
15	..	75 00	.....	.....	39 00	.....	114 00	649 01	405 36	198 00	.....	45 65	414 53	793 84
10	..	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	429 62	260 87	162 00	.....	6 75	326 63	571 78
13	..	39 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 00	225 71	105 85	63 00	.....	56 86	163 88	263 53
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	744 66	225 21	469 00	.....	50 45	632 00	264 86
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254 44	138 69	115 75	.....	.....	125 03	322 76
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	677 62	87 00	458 50	24 00	108 12	550 85	376 32
20	..	59 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 00	498 85	57 85	441 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	543 95	123 35	419 20	.....	1 40	427 45	388 80
...	..	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	785 00	215 00	478 00	.....	92 00	475 35	547 97
7	..	21 00	.....	.....	24 00	.....	45 00	573 00	181 00	392 00	.....	.....	404 30	272 90

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Huntley	880	Huntley	McHenry	Thur.	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
New Berlin	881	New Berlin	Sangamon	Fri...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
Hamburg	882	Hamburg	Calhoun	Sat...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
Detroit	883	Detroit	Pike	Tues.	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
Willow Hill	884	Willow Hill	Jasper	Fri...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
Sampson	885	Dawson	Sangamon	.....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..
Hidalgo	886	Hidalgo	Jasper	Tues.	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..

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...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	245 45	87 45	158 00	.....	.....	271 65	226 25
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	407 70	33 45	374 00	.....	25	236 85	333 43
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	242 50	.....	242 50	.....	.....	156 16	212 50
...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Name of Lodge.	No. of Lodge.	P. O Address.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Members per last Report.			Admitted.	
					Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Florence	1	Ottawa	LaSalle	1 and 3 Fri	16	31	47	1	1
Elite	2	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Thurs	54	84	138	5	15
Golden Link	3	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	61	80	141	3	14
Pontiac	4	Pontiac	Livingston	2 and 4 Tues	14	70	84	2	5
Naomi	5	Camp Point	Adams	1 and 3 Sat	20	77	97	....	2
Union	6	Wellington	Iroquois	2 and 4 Fri	13	24	37	....	3
Riverside	7	Savanna	Carroll	1 and 3 Thnrs	....	....	....	....	....
Emeline	8	Morrison	Whiteside	2 and 4 Thurs	67	90	157	3	3
Orphans' Home	9	Lincoln	Logan	1 and 3 Tues	65	86	151	3	10
Ruth	10	East St. Louis	St. Clair	1 and 3 Sat	29	48	77	....	2
Catlin	11	Catlin	Vermilion	1 and 3 Tues	35	38	73	....	....
Dove	12	Griggsville	Pike	1 and 3 Fri	14	20	34	..	1
Jacksonville	13	Jacksonville	Morgan	2 and 4 Fri	23	49	72	3	6
Melrose	14	Greenville	Bond	1 and 4 Mon	34	34	68	2	3
Hope	15	DuQuoin	Perry	2 and 4 Fri	16	29	45	2	5
Miriam	16	Murphysboro	Jackson	Fri. Eve	9	37	46	....	....
Altoona	17	Waynesville	DeWitt	2 and 4 Mon	19	27	46	....	1
Superior	18	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Wed	41	71	112	2	5
Sheldon	19	Sheldon	Iroquois	1 and 3 Wed	7	9	16	....	2
Brighton Star	20	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	6	25	31	....	6
Evening Star	21	Barry	Pike	1 and 3 Fri	28	53	81	3	5
Friendship	22	Monmouth	Warren	1 and 3 Thur	32	32	64	....	2
Azur	23	Neoga	Cumberland	1 and 3 Sat	7	12	19	....	....
Eula	24	Atwood	Piatt	1 and 3 Sat	36	42	78	10	12
Fidelity	25	Stanford	McLean	2 and 4 Mon	5	16	21	....	....
Olive Branch	26	Clinton	DeWitt	2 and 4 Sat	22	30	52	3	2
Golden Rule	27	Quincy	Adams	2 and 4 Thurs	67	84	151	6	9
Welcome	28	Metropolis	Massac	2 and 4 Mon	10	37	47	2	11
Vesta	29	Galesburg	Knox	1 and 3 Fri	77	100	177	6	12
Evergreen	30	Toledo	Cumberland	1 and 3 Tues	10	12	22	3	6
Rockford	31	Rockford	Winnebago	1 and 3 Tues	17	33	50	1	3
Bethlehem	32	Bloomington	McLean	1 and 3 Sat	60	78	138	4	7
Cuba	33	Cuba	Fulton	2 and 4 Tues	12	33	45	....	2
Sarah	34	Sycamore	DeKalb	2 and 4 Fri	36	43	79	4	12
Silver Moon	35	Elsah	Jersey	Thurs b. f. m	9	11	20	1	....
Sinai	36	Paris	Edgar	Mon Eve	40	59	99	7	13
West Union	37	West Union	Clark	2 and 4 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Winona	38	Newton	Jasper	Every Mon	26	31	57	1	1
Columbia	39	Washington	Tazewell	1 and 3 Tues	8	13	21	2	3
Cisco	40	Cisco	Piatt	1 and 3 Thur	....	....	....	....	....
Adah	41	Clayton	Adams	2 and 4 Sat	28	57	85	2	5
Ceres	42	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	20	58	78	10	15
*Chusnelda	43	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Tues	22	69	91	1	3
Laurel	44	Union	McHenry	2 and 4 Tues	13	16	29	4	6
*Germania	45	Chicago	Cook	3 Mon	29	38	67	3	9
Hulda	46	Cameron	Warren	2 and 4 Fri	7	7	14	5	8
Excelsior	47	Woodland	Iroquois	2 and 4 Thur	....	....	....	....	....
Wataga	48	Wataga	Knox	1 Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Oasis	49	Blandinsville	McDonough	Fri	22	53	75	4	8
Libuse	50	Chicago	Cook	1 Thur	21	32	53	5	3
Angelica	51	Warsaw	Hancock	Tues	19	38	57	....	6
Sandoval	52	Sandoval	Marion	1 and 3 Wed	23	48	71	3	8
Harmony	53	Vermont	Fulton	1 and 3 Tues	21	52	73	....	....
Sisters of Charity	54	Long Prairie	Wayne	Sat b. f. m	....	....	....	....	....
Mabel	55	Naples	Scott	Not given	....	....	....	....	....
Ella	56	Kensington	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	40	65	105	2	2
Olive	57	Urbana	Champaign	1 and 3 Thurs	24	42	66	9	8
*Eureka	58	Chicago	Cook	3 Mon	35	41	76	1	2
Pocahontas	59	Joliet	Will	1 and 3 Thurs	20	34	54	10	11
Altona	60	Altona	Knox	1 and 3 Tues	14	21	35	5	1
Lucille	61	Wincheester	Scott	1 and 3 Tues	35	42	77	5	12

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Brothers.	Sisters.		Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.							
1	2	2	....	....	14	30	44	$31 74	$46 72	$78 46	.....	$1 00	$41 75	$35 71
12	16	....	....	....	47	83	130	495 25	331 73	826 98	$35 00	7 00	341 66	453 32
9	8	....	1	1	54	85	139	115 55	260 18	375 73	2 00	70 22	191 27	112 24
8	12	....	....	1	8	62	70	21 51	117 17	138 68	.....	.....	126 53	12 15
3	11	....	....	....	17	68	85	34 08	66 80	100 88	.....	.....	61 65	39 23
3	7	....	....	....	10	20	30	10 19	36 46	46 65	.....	.....	21 90	24 75
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8	10	....	....	....	62	83	145	16 98	128 65	145 63	.....	5 00	100 80	39 83
4	3	....	....	....	64	93	157	70 22	157 89	228 11	1 00	.....	161 65	65 46
11	15	....	....	....	18	35	53	149 11	89 50	238 61	1 00	.....	108 70	128 91
4	3	....	....	....	31	35	66	93 35	49 70	143 05	1 00	.....	83 35	58 70
1	1	....	....	....	13	20	33	21 70	49 18	70 88	.....	.....	66 38	4 50
1	1	....	....	....	25	54	79	48 73	85 05	133 78	.....	1 00	94 70	38 08
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1	1	....	....	....	17	33	50	.....	89 51	89 51	.....	.....	56 74	32 77
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10	10	....	....	....	9	18	27	7 35	43 01	50 36	.....	.....	26 40	23 96
21	27	1	....	....	21	49	70	.....	224 22	224 22	.....	.....	212 13	12 09
.....	.....	....	....	1	7	10	17	4 90	25 65	30 55	.....	.....	24 35	6 20
2	12	1	....	....	3	19	22	26 30	39 10	65 40	.....	.....	58 10	7 30
7	7	1	....	....	23	51	74	68 47	78 12	146 59	1 00	.....	136 44	9 15
5	4	....	....	....	27	30	57	33 01	25 50	58 51	5 00	.....	34 25	19 26
3	7	....	....	....	4	5	9	20 31	12 71	33 02	5 00	6 00	15 90	6 12
2	.....	....	....	1	44	53	97	86 50	75 05	161 55	.....	.....	135 10	26 45
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.....	.....	....	....	....	25	32	57	38 72	71 84	110 56	50 00	50	48 76	21 30
20	9	....	....	....	53	84	137	25 35	193 55	218 90	2 25	1 00	162 26	53 39
5	8	....	....	1	7	39	46	1 95	34 35	36 30	.....	.....	33 02	3 28
15	12	....	1	1	67	99	166	22 67	208 73	231 40	.....	10 00	210 84	10 56
1	3	....	....	....	12	15	27	22 90	25 37	48 27	.....	1 00	23 94	23 33
4	3	....	....	....	14	33	47	37 60	72 65	110 25	.....	2 00	72 79	35 46
7	6	....	....	1	57	78	135	53 31	157 12	210 43	.....	1 00	151 16	58 27
7	5	....	....	....	5	30	35	22 49	12 15	34 64	.....	.....	28 58	6 06
4	1	....	....	2	36	52	88	30 59	89 54	120 13	1 00	.....	110 22	8 91
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4	7	....	....	....	26	55	81	1 00	48 07	49 07	1 00	.....	36 42	11 65
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2	2	....	1	1	20	69	89	1242 83	522 15	1764 98	113 00	183 32	372 35	1096 31
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1	2	....	....	....	18	42	60	.....	185 08	185 08	.....	1 00	116 35	67 73
3	6	....	1	1	22	49	71	51 52	115 96	167 48	10 00	1 00	45 50	110 98
5	9	....	1	....	15	43	58	57 65	22 83	80 48	.....	.....	47 09	33 39
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9	15	....	....	....	33	52	85	97 96	164 68	262 64	.....	.....	230 97	31 67
3	.....	....	....	....	30	50	80	40 30	86 11	126 41	1 00	7 91	78 98	38 52
2	1	1	2	1	31	41	72	1886 77	367 35	2254 12	160 00	191 00	227 26	1675 86
4	6	....	....	....	26	39	65	68 43	161 00	229 43	.....	.....	123 81	105 62
.....	.....	....	....	....	19	22	41	7 88	40 11	47 99	.....	2 00	30 77	15 22
6	6	....	....	....	34	48	82	35 54	157 75	193 29	.....	80 16	65 92	47 21

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					Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Patience	62	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Lilla	63	Springfield	Sangamon	2 and 4 Fri	56	73	129	19	23
Mackinaw	64	Mackinaw	Tazewell	1 and 3 Fri	10	19	29	...	3
Yale	65	Yale	Jasper	1 and 3 Fri	16	21	37	4	3
Charleston	66	Charleston	Coles	1 and 3 Mon	65	48	113	8	11
Pearl	67	Middletown	Logan	2 and 4 Tues	19	17	36	1	3
Unity	68	Gardner	Grundy	2 and 4 Mon	12	17	29	....	2
Hazel	69	Wilmington	Will	2 and 4 Thurs	10	22	32	....	4
Holtslander	70	Sterling	Whiteside	1 and 3 Fri	28	50	78	2	7
Glenwood	71	Fisher	Champaign	2 and 4 Tues	30	35	65	....	....
Mercy	72	Danville	Vermilion	2 and 4 Thurs	47	112	159	2	6
Endora	73	Rock Island	Rock Island	2 and 4 Fri	29	40	69	3	3
Tower Rock	74	Grand Tower	Jackson	1 and 3 Fri	11	28	39	1	2
Ideal	75	Perry	Pike	2 and 4 Tues	44	68	112	1	2
Ellis	76	Rankin	Vermilion	2 and 4 Tues	...	..	...	....	....
Minnehaha	77	Aurora	Kane	1 and 3 Fri	46	54	100	12	23
Bloomingdale	78	Dewey	Champaign	2 and 4 Wed	32	35	67	1	5
Essex	79	Essex	Kankakee	Thurs	25	30	55	6	7
Prairie	80	Hoopeston	Vermilion	*Defunct*	...	...	...	....	....
Purity	81	Pana	Christian	2 and 4 Thur	13	14	27	2	1
McDonough	82	Prairie City	McDonough	Thurs	8	17	25	....	....
May Flower	83	Moreland	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	11	25	36	1	2
Anchor	84	Rockford	Winnebago	1 and 3 Sat	40	66	106	3	3
*Abraham Lincoln	85	Bloomington	McLean	1st Fri	40	44	84	4	4
Zerah	86	Jewett	Cumberland	*Consolidated*	6	13	19	....	7
Hindsboro	87	Hindsboro	Douglas	1 and 3 Tues	19	18	37	....	....
Colfax	88	Pittsfield	Pike	1 and 3 Tues	50	56	106	....	2
Lily	89	Peru	LaSalle	2 and 4 Fri	17	30	47	11	9
Cook County	90	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Mon	....	..	....	....	....
Creal Springs	91	Creal Springs	Williamson	Mon	21	33	54	....	3
Petersburg	92	Petersburg	Menard	1 and 3 Thurs	31	30	61	1	6
Marion	93	Marion	Williamson	Mon	29	44	73	1	6
Bell Air	94	Bell Air	Crawford	2 and 4 Thurs	....	..	....	....	....
Perseverance	95	Lacon	Marshall	2 and 4 Fri	7	20	27	1	....
*Sophia	96	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Mon	38	97	135	2	4
Olive Leaf	97	Warrensburg	Macon	1 and 3 Thurs	30	45	75	....	4
Mt. Zion	98	Mt. Zion	Macon	Tuesday	...	....	....	....	....
Enterprise	99	W. Belleville	St. Clair	2 and 4 Wed	16	54	70	1	4
Avon	100	Avon	Fulton	1 and 3 Fri	29	42	71	1	7
Rural	101	Heyworth	McLean	1 and 3 Thur	....	....	....	....	....
Relief	102	Colchester	McDonough	1,3 and 4 Tues	34	79	113	3	8
Beacon	103	Tolono	Champaign	2 and 4 Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Waverly	104	Waverly	Morgan	2 and 4 Fri	15	20	35	8	20
Golden Rod	105	Pulaski	Pulaski	Monday	6	9	15	1	....
Laughton	106	Wilton Center	Will	1 and 3 Wed	28	23	51	4	3
Salem	107	Salem	Marion	2 and 4 Fri	25	53	78	1	10
*Ida	108	Chicago	Cook	4 Mon	17	26	43	....	....
Confidence	109	Sparland	Marshall	1 and 3 Fri	14	17	31	2	3
Fair	110	Browns	Edwards	Thurs	19	26	45	....	7
Floral	111	Naperville	DuPage	Thurs. b. f. m.	....	....	....	....	....
Charity Home	112	Fairbury	Livingston	1 and 3 Mon	85	81	166	1	1
Peoria	113	Peoria	Peoria	1 and 3 Wed	71	83	154	6	8
Good Hope	114	Good Hope	McDonough	1 and 3 Thur	....	....	....	....	....
Lily of the Valley	115	Streator	LaSalle	2 and 4 Mon	37	87	124	13	15
Metropolis	116	Metropolis	Massac	1 and 3 Mon	18	47	65	1	1
Toulon	117	Toulon	Stark	1 and 3 Thur	21	36	57	....	....
Eden	118	Windsor	Shelby	2 and 4 Tues	13	13	26	....	1
Tidal Wave	119	Prophetstown	Whiteside	2 and 4 Tues	12	20	32	3	4
Samaritan	120	Elgin	Kane	2 and 4 Mon	16	49	65	3	8
New Burnside	121	New Burnside	Johnson	1 and 3 Tues	11	10	21	....	4
Nora	122	Millersburg	Mercer	1 and 3 Tues	17	15	32	....	....
Sisters	123	Mansfield	Piatt	1 and 3 Thurs	....	....	....	....	....
First Swedish	124	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Sat	61	71	132	8	20

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8	7	....	....	....	67	89	156	$105 07	$300 61	$405 68	$10 50	$26 25	$197 15	$171 78
6	6	....	....	....	4	16	20	19 78	8 10	27 88	.....	.....	7 15	20 73
5	4	....	....	....	15	20	35	8 77	48 08	56 85	.....	.....	42 78	14 07
11	11	...	....	....	62	48	110	.....	137 79	137 79	.....	.....	99 03	38 76
.....	.....	....	1	....	19	20	39	6 58	16 15	22 73	.....	.....	14 91	7 82
1	.....	....	....	....	11	19	30	5 39	41 02	46 41	.....	.....	37 59	8 82
4	1	....	....	....	6	25	31	9 30	34 00	43 3	.....	.....	20 32	22 98
.....	.....	...	....	....	30	57	87	53 98	92 98	146 96	5 00	.....	114 41	27 55
8	6	....	1	....	21	29	50	10 50	37 10	47 60	.....	.....	29 55	18 05
8	11	....	1	1	40	106	146	84 60	210 70	295 30	48 00	4 00	122 02	121 28
11	10	....	....	....	21	33	54	15	120 60	120 75	.....	.....	117 16	3 59
1	2	...	...	....	11	28	39	1 07	21 95	23 02	.....	.....	18 20	4 82
14	14	....	1	....	29	56	85	37 25	87 64	124 89	.....	.....	110 35	14 54
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10	1	....	..	2	22	23	45	.....	42 19	42 19	.....	.....	17 15	25 04
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5	6	...	2	2	10	18	28	154 55	299 30	453 85	186 00	.....	50 50	217 25
5	6	....	....	....	11	14	25	4 85	12 52	17 37	.....	.....	13 25	4 12
4	3	..	1	....	14	30	44	11 61	43 74	55 35	1 00	4 25	20 68	29 42
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7	16	....	...	....	12	32	44	17 39	43 60	60 99	2 00	1 00	45 00	12 99
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Memento	125	Vandalia	Fayette	2 and 4 Thur	59	67	126	2	5
Isabella	126	Momence	Kankakee	Friday	24	29	53	2	11
Eclipse	127	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Monmouth	128	Monmouth	Warren	2 and 4 Thur	22	35	57	1	1
Margaret	129	Jonesboro	Union	2 and 4 Mon	19	22	41	....	....
Chicago	130	Chicago	Cook	4 Mon	29	38	67	2	3
Rossville	131	Rossville	Vermilion	*Defunct*	....	....	....	....	....
Stonefort	132	Stonefort	Saline	Friday	29	36	65	....	1
Chrysanthemum	133	Kinderhook	Pike	1 and 3 Wed	17	25	42	....	....
Electra	134	Paxton	Ford	Thur	32	34	66	....	....
Alexis	135	Vermilion	Edgar	1 and 3 Fri	25	31	56	3	2
Humphrey	136	DeKalb	DeKalb	2 and 4 Fri	22	28	50	2	11
Cerro Gordo	137	Cerro Gordo	Piatt	1 and 3 Fri	17	32	49	3	8
Busy Bee	138	Freeport	Stephenson	1 and 3 Fri	8	15	23	3	6
Merry	139	Lafayette	Stark	2 and 4 Fri	18	30	48	....	....
Good Samaritan	140	Oregon	Ogle	1 and 3 Tues	24	31	55	3	4
Progress	141	Decatur	Macon	1 and 3 Fri	61	114	175	3	10
Rainbow	142	Oakwood	Vermilion	2 and 4 Thur	13	12	25	1	2
Clio	143	Havana	Mason	Friday eve	18	32	50	...	4
Industry	144	Parrish	Franklin	1 and 3 Sat	....	....	....	....	....
Pride of St. Clair	145	Lebanon	St. Clair	1 and 3 Mon	....	....	....	....	....
Lillian	146	Gibson City	Ford	2 and 4 Thur	52	64	116	7	7
Gertrude	147	Elgin	Kane	1 and 3 Mon	14	25	39	3	2
Adell	148	Roodhouse	Greene	Monday	15	27	42	....	3
Dinah	149	Braceville	Grundy	2 and 4 Thur	6	64	70	1	4
Calhoun	150	Hardin	Calhoun	1 and 3 Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Vashti	151	Raleigh	Saline	Not given	....	....	....	....	....
Flora	152	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	35	76	111	5	33
Kedar	153	Casey	Clark	2 and 4 Tues	28	36	64	....	8
Foxville	154	Foxville	Marion	Not given	....	....	....	....	....
Memento Branch	155	Farmington	Fulton	1 and 3 Mon	44	61	105	5	7
Almetta	156	Litchfield	Montgomery	2 and 4 Sat	36	53	89	6	7
Alpha	157	Albany	Whiteside	Last Sat	....	....	....	....	....
Sincerity	158	Burton	Adams	1 and 3 Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Alexis	159	Alexis	Warren	2 and 4 Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Lorena	160	Maquon	Knox	2 and 4 Fri	22	10	32	4	6
Eddyville	161	Eddyville	Pope	1 and 3 Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Mizpah	162	Forreston	Ogle	1 and 3 Mon	....	....	....	....	....
Alma	163	Cairo	Alexander	1 and 3 Tues	24	62	86	....	4
Humboldt Park	164	Humboldt Park	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Vlast	165	Chicago	Cook	3 Wed	29	37	66	....	....
Grace	166	Kenney	DeWitt	1 and 3 Tues	13	23	36	1	2
Rhoda	167	Sullivan	Moultrie	2 and 4 Thur	30	57	87	....	....
Evelyn Colfax	168	Belvidere	Boone	1 and 3 Wed	39	44	83	5	7
Dawn	169	Bluffs	Scott	2 and 4 Wed	8	6	14	2	3
Marshall	170	Henry	Marshall	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Integrity	171	Grand Crossing	Cook	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Vesper	172	Evanston	Cook	2 and 4 Tues	23	32	55	3	2
Edith	173	Champaign	Champaign	2 and 4 Tues	17	45	62	3	11
Medora	174	Morrisonville	Christian	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Esther	175	Murphysboro	Jackson	Friday eve	17	72	89	....	13
Zoza	176	Greenup	Cumberland	Tuesday	12	32	44	3	12
Genevieve	177	Hamilton	Hancock	1 and 3 Wed	39	66	105	8	11
Victoria	178	Martinsville	Clark	Sat	9	6	15	4	20
Fern Leaf	179	Dunlap	Peoria	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Rachel	180	Arcola	Douglas	1 and 3 Fri	22	31	53	1	....
DeSoto	181	DeSoto	Jackson	1 and 3 Sat	....	....	....	....	....
Austin	182	Austin	Cook	2 and 4 Sat	....	....	....	5	5
Zelma	183	Tuscola	Douglas	Every Friday	40	62	102	7	8
Regina	184	Flora	Clay	2 and 4 Tues	19	36	55	....	5
Materna	185	Carmi	White	2 and 4 Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Matilda	186	Vandercook	Vermilion	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Vienna	187	Vienna	Johnson	2 and 4 Wed	21	25	46	....	....

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					Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.
American	188	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Sat	45	70	115	6	10
Sweet Home	189	Mason City	Mason	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Sterling	190	Mt. Sterling	Brown	1 and 3 Thur	....	....	....	....	....
Lovington	191	Lovington	Moultrie	1 and 3 Tues	14	28	42	....	4
Goodwin	192	Beardstown	Cass	2 and 4 Mon	28	42	70	3	9
Queen Esther	193	Maroa	Macon	1 and 3 Tues	47	51	98	2	1
Elgiva	194	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Sat	38	51	89	8	11
La Harpe	195	La Harpe	Hancock	2 and 4 Mon	28	44	72	3	6
Brooklyn	196	Brooklyn	Massac	Wednesday	....	....	....	....	....
Flatwoods	197	Grantsburg	Johnson	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Gabriel	198	Pleasant Hill	Pike	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Columbian	199	Decatur	Macon	2 and 4 Fri	35	38	73	....	....
Beatrice	200	Noble	Richland	1 and 3 Sat	19	36	55	1	2
Good Will	201	Olney	Richland	1 and 3 Fri	45	75	120	2	1
John H. Montague	202	Rock Falls	Whiteside	1 and 3 Mon	18	31	49	3	5
Dorcas	203	Newman	Douglas	Every Sat	35	72	107	....	....
Orel	204	Wayne City	Wayne	Every Tues	15	25	40	12	12
Florence N'ghtgle	205	Lewistown	Fulton	2 and 4 Tues	8	15	23	3	1
Hebron	206	Marshall	Clark	Wed	7	8	15	3	1
Deering	207	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Sat	44	58	102	2	6
Irma	208	Quincy	Adams	1 and 3 Wed	31	41	72	4	14
Sumner	209	Sumner	Lawrence	1 and 3 Tues	40	66	106	5	13
May Queen	210	Leroy	McLean	1 and 3 Mon	33	58	91	....	2
Eunice	211	Saline Mines	Gallatin	1 Sat	....	....	....	....	....
Qu'n of the Lakes	212	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	29	61	90	4	10
Xenia	213	Xenia	Clay	1 and 3 Fri	3	9	12	....	....
Adelaide	214	Rushville	Schuyler	1 and 3 Mon	22	30	52	2	2
Tunnel Hill	215	Tunnel Hill	Johnson	Not given	....	....	....	....	....
Hutsonville	216	Hutsonville	Crawford	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Homer Star	217	Homer	Champaign	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Faith	218	Malta	DeKalb	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Effingham	219	Effingham	Effingham	Sat	15	23	38	2	5
Carbondale	220	Carbondale	Jackson	2 and 4 Tues	10	14	24	1	1
Helena	221	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	1 Mon	....	....	....	....	....
Bethesda	222	Delavan	Tazewell	1 and 3 Thurs	25	30	55	....	....
Milton	223	Milton	Pike	1 and 3 Sat	15	12	27	....	1
Pekin	224	Pekin	Tazewell	1 and 3 Thurs	18	23	41	....	1
Venus	225	Clay City	Clay	1 and 3 Tues	20	35	55	....	2
*Teutonia	226	Quincy	Adams	1 and 3 Thurs	20	42	62	4	8
Queen	227	Chicago	Cook	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Lyda Woodford	228	Eureka	Woodford	2 and 4 Tues	17	14	31	....	5
Parthenia	229	Cairo	Alexander	2 and 4 Tues	46	65	111	5	13
New Hope	230	Belknap	Johnson	1 and 3 Wed	10	8	18	1	4
Martha Wash'gton	231	West Chicago	DuPage	1 and 3 Tues	39	44	83	1	3
Leah	232	East St. Louis	St. Clair	1 and 3 Sat	11	24	35	2	6
*Johanna	233	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Mon	41	39	80	....	8
Pride of Arrow	234	Harrisburg	Saline	2 and 4 Sat	56	47	103	7	19
Union	235	Cobden	Union	2 and 4 Tues	17	23	40	....	....
Jennie	236	Fithian	Vermilion	1 and 3 Thurs	....	....	....	....	....
Otterville	237	Otterville	Jersey	1 and 3 Wed	19	23	42	....	1
Shipman	238	Shipman	Macoupin	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Virginia	239	Virginia	Cass	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Carterville	240	Carterville	Williamson	Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Viola	241	Lick Creek	Union	1 and 3 Sat	....	....	....	....	....
Whittier	242	Atlanta	Logan	2 and 4 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Fairview	243	Fairview	Fulton	1 and 3 Sat	35	30	65	1	3
Macedonia	244	Macedonia	Hamilton	Thure	....	....	....	....	....
Canton	245	Canton	Fulton	2 and 4 Tues	22	63	85	4	23
Drexel	246	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Thure	25	43	68	10	14
Keithsburg	247	Keithsburg	Mercer	2 and 4 Thurs	35	37	72	1	4
Elkhart	248	Elkhart	Logan	1 and 3 Fri	9	16	25	....	1
Hedwig	249	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Wed	29	38	67	2	2
White Rose	250	Rose Hill	Jasper	1 and 3 Tues	5	10	15	....	....

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Brothers.	Sisters.		Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.							
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Plano	251	Plano	Kendall	1 and 3 Fri	16	22	38	1	....
Amanda	252	Blue Island	Cook	2 and 4 Wed	25	15	40	....	....
Bethel	253	Monticello	Piatt	Thurs	39	68	107	....	....
Crystal Glen	254	Nauvoo	Hancock	1 and 3 Fri	31	44	75	1	2
Magnolia	255	Magnolia	Putnam	2 and 4 Mon	7	10	17	....	1
Myrtle	256	Moline	Rock Island	1 and 3 Wed	58	64	122	7	9
Social	257	Taylorville	Christian	2 and 4 Tues	17	31	48	....	1
Ava	258	Ava	Jackson	1 and 3 Tues	4	22	26	....	1
Illinois	259	Freeport	Stephenson	1 and 3 Sat	....	....	....	....	....
Lena Lawman	260	Minier	Tazewell	2 and 4 Fri	20	26	46	2	3
Redmon	261	Redmon	Edgar	1 and 3 Wed	10	10	20	1	4
Anna	262	Anna	Union	Fri	26	44	70	3	4
Ruby	263	Jerseyville	Jersey	2 and 4 Tues	13	16	29	1	5
Paw Paw	264	Paw Paw	Lee	2 and 4 Fri	29	32	61	2	4
Beulah	265	Morris	Grundy	2 and 4 Thurs	30	58	88	4	5
Brighton	266	Brighton	Macoupin	Not given	....	....	....	....	....
Green Valley	267	Green Valley	Tazewell	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Rantoul	268	Rantoul	Champaign	1 and 3 Tues	29	42	71	4	13
Nona	269	McLean	McLean	1 and 3 Tues	27	35	62	....	....
Hawthorne	270	Sandwich	DeKalb	2 and 4 Fri	35	39	74	2	....
North Alton	271	North Alton	Madison	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Oriental	272	Argenta	Macon	1 and 3 Tues	32	42	74	....	2
Star of Egypt	273	Galatia	Saline	2 and 4 Thurs	6	16	22	1	1
Geneva	274	Mattoon	Coles	2 and 4 Fri	40	57	97	3	8
Mae	275	Sidell	Vermilion	2 and 4 Tues	52	76	130	....	5
Mt. Pleasant	276	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Mon	3	26	29	1	1
Antioch	277	Antioch	Lake	2 and 4 Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Fidelia	278	Saybrook	McLean	Every Fri	36	49	85	2	....
Golden	279	Irving	Montgomery	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Omega	280	Simpson	Johnson	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Murrayville	281	Murrayville	Morgan	1 and 3 Tues	7	11	18	1	....
Tahoma	282	Bone Gap	Edwards	Tuesdays	19	20	39	....	....
Maple Grove	283	Carthage	Hancock	1 and 3 Thurs	31	52	83	18	17
June	284	Marseilles	LaSalle	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Silver Glen	285	Fairfield	Wayne	*Closed*	....	....	....	....	....
Octavia	286	Nokomis	Montgomery	1 and 3 Wed	5	8	13	....	1
Westfield	287	Westfield	Clark	Monday Eve	16	28	44	1	....
Lily of the West	288	Bible Grove	Clay	2 and 4 Thurs	16	21	37	....	1
Carrollton	289	Carrollton	Greene	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Aledo	290	Aledo	Mercer	1 and 3 Thurs	30	52	82	1	8
Mystic Star	291	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	43	40	83	8	14
Lottie	292	Potomac	Livingston	Sat	17	31	48	1	3
Harriet Scovill	293	Kankakee	Kankakee	Fri	23	41	64	10	18
Woodson	294	Woodson	Morgan	2 and 4 Thurs	....	....	....	....	....
Rose	295	Kane	Greene	Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Varnell	296	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	Thurs	20	45	65	3	8
Minerva	297	LaPlace	Piatt	1 and 3 Wed	17	23	40	1	3
Jewell	298	Iuka	Marion	Fri	7	16	23	....	....
Cedar	299	Mason	Effingham	Fri	14	19	33	....	....
New Hartford	300	New Hartford	Pike	2 and 4 Sat	13	16	29	2	4
Pride of Cent'l P'k	301	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Mon	27	55	82	6	10
Louisville	302	Louisville	Clay	2 and 4 Fri	16	34	50	1	4
Falmouth	303	Falmouth	Jasper	Tues	16	24	40	1	3
Makanda	304	Makanda	Jackson	Mon	16	19	35	1	1
Mary	305	Liberty	Adams	2 and 4 Wed	23	32	55	4	....
Deborah	306	Vergennes	Jackson	Wed	13	19	32	....	....
Alto Pass	307	Alto Pass	Union	Fri	19	15	34	5	16
Eldorado	308	Eldorado	Saline	2 and 4 Fri	15	17	32	2	3
Alhambra	309	Alhambra	Madison	Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Brilliant Star	310	Nebo	Pike	1 and 3 Mon	13	23	36	6	5
Plainville	311	Plainville	Adams	2 and 4 Wed	14	21	35	3	5
Bee Hive	312	Altamont	Effingham	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Central	313	Mt. Pulaski	Logan	Fri	27	55	82	....	....

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Brothers.	Sisters.		Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.							
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7	9	....	....	1	25	36	61	118 08	62 55	180 63	.....	.....	45 15	135 48
2	1	....	....	....	5	10	15	15 30	18 87	34 17	.....	.....	19 95	14 22
21	7	....	1	1	43	65	108	47 48	135 31	182 79	.....	.....	157 13	25 66
2	2	....	1	....	14	30	44	11 04	52 45	63 49	3 00	.....	27 33	33 16
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6	4	....	....	....	23	44	67	14 98	52 28	67 26	1 00	4 05	54 02	8 19
3	1	....	....	....	11	20	31	68 35	69 50	137 85	1 00	.....	16 15	120 70
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5	7	....	....	....	8	12	20	19 17	28 14	47 31	.....	.....	26 88	20 43
6	1	....	....	....	18	30	48	10 82	25 75	36 57	.....	.....	28 95	7 62
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					Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.
White Oaks	314	Grape Creek	Vermilion	2 and 4 Fri	25	48	73	1	3
Priscilla	315	Mt. Carroll	Carroll	2 and 4 Wed	29	33	62	7	10
Cabery	316	Cabery	Ford	2 and 4 Sat	20	21	41	...	....
Hillsboro	317	Hillsboro	Montgomery	1 and 3 Thurs	21	24	45	....	....
Farina	318	Farina	Fayette	Thurs	24	26	50	....	1
Elmwood	319	Elmwood	Peoria	2 and 4 Fri	73	98	171	2	7
Opal	320	Pearl	Pike	Fri	9	11	20	3	1
Hume	321	Hume	Edgar	1 and 3 Wed	7	13	20	....	....
Mound City	322	Mound City	Pulaski	2 and 4 Mon	20	29	49	3	3
Aquilla	323	Bellflower	McLean	Sat	28	31	59	1	2
Egyptian Queen	324	Centralia	Marion	2 and 4 Mon	31	54	85	11	10
Brenton	325	Piper City	Ford	2 and 4 Tues	43	31	74	....	4
Leota	326	Fulton	Whiteside	Fri	18	30	48	1	5
Westville	327	Westville	Vermilion	2 and 4 Tues	46	40	86	2	9
W. H Day	328	Harvey	Cook	2 and 4 Wed	17	31	48	3	4
Montgomery	329	Montgomery	Kane	1 and 3 Tues	18	20	38	1	1
Della	330	Genoa	DeKalb	1 and 3 Fri	21	32	53	2	8
Sciota	331	Sciota	McDonough	Tues	18	29	47	....	2
Moss Rose	332	Ladd	Bureau	1 and 3 Tues	10	28	38	2	6
Wyoming	333	Wyoming	Stark	2 and 4 Thurs	39	48	87	1	2
Electric	334	Normal	McLean	*Closed*	...	...	....	....	....
Eleanor	335	Peoria	Peoria	2 and 4 Tues	62	92	154	3	7
Mina	336	Huntsville	Schuyler	1 and 3 Sat	14	15	29	....	....
Melvin	337	Melvin	Ford	1 and 3 Tues	21	26	47	1	4
Fairland	338	Fairland	Douglas	1 and 3 Tues	18	13	31	4	8
Buda	339	Buda	Bureau	1 and 3 Mon	33	29	62	....	2
Waukegan	340	Waukegan	Lake	2 and 4 Fri	44	35	79	1	2
Mary Burk	341	Pinckneyville	Perry	2 and 4 Fri	39	40	79	5	4
Macomb	342	Macomb	McDonough	2 and 4 Tues	21	34	55	....	2
Rutland	3 8	Rutland	LaSalle	Thurs	31	41	72	1	1
Rosa Lee	344	Boaz	Massac	2 and 4 Tues	....	...	....	....	....
Forest	345	Tioga	Hancock	Wed	19	37	56	....	3
Galena	346	Galena	JoDaviess	1 and 3 Tues	38	45	83	1	6
Mariorraetta	347	Arthur	Douglas	Mon	21	30	51	3	3
Emma	348	Marblehead	Adams	2 and 4 Wed	16	19	35	....	1
Palmyra	349	Palmyra	Macoupin	Mon	27	24	51	....	2
Calumet	350	Blue Island	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	36	49	85	1	3
Princeville	351	Princeville	Peoria	2 and 4 Fri	17	28	45	....	6
Mineral Springs	352	Okawville	Washington	2 and 4 Mon	17	26	43	3	1
Highwood	353	Highwood	Lake	1 and 3 Thurs	33	18	51	8	3
Saunemin	354	Saunemin	Livingston	Fri	21	37	58	3	2
Silver Crescent	355	New Boston	Mercer	1 and 3 Fri	23	35	58	....	....
Tower Hill	356	Tower Hill	Shelby	2 and 4 Fri	8	12	20	....	2
Oakland	357	Oakland	Coles	Fri	19	40	59	....	2
Ivy	358	Metcalf	Edgar	1 and 3 Fri	25	30	55	4	10
Idell	359	Versailles	Brown	2 and 4 Wed	...	....	....	....	....
Oquawka	360	Oquawka	Henderson	2 and 4 Wed	20	29	49	4	2
Castleton	261	Castleton	Stark	1 and 3 Fri	15	19	34	....	2
Charity	362	South Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	31	51	82	2	4
Queen City	363	Shelbyville	Shelby	1 and 3 Wed	18	22	40	1	2
Mystic Tie	364	Princeton	Bureau	Thurs	26	40	66	....	....
Oak Leaf	365	Tonica	LaSalle	1 and 3 Mon	22	30	52	3	2
Sparta	366	Sparta	Randolph	Every Fri	26	29	55	5	6
Cheltenham	367	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Thurs	20	42	62	5	7
Central City	368	St. Charles	Kane	2 and 4 Thurs	42	44	86	5	5
Maple Leaf	369	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Mon	39	53	92	4	5
Prairie Queen	370	Dwight	Livingston	2 and 4 Tues	14	20	34	2	6
Rosedale	371	Kinmundy	Marion	Fri	19	54	73	4	13
Ripley	372	Ripley	Brown	Wed	...	....	....	....	....
Stronghurst	373	Stronghurst	Henderson	1 and 3 Fri	21	22	43	....	3
Kemper Star	374	Kemper	Jersey	1 and 3 Tues	18	16	34	....	2
Adams	375	Whitehall	Greene	2 and 4 Fri	16	26	42	2	4
John A. Gano	376	Grandview	Edgar	Wed	28	24	52	....	2

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6	5	....	....	....	20	46	66	$140 49	$119 14	$259 63	$5 00	$25 00	$85 75	$143 88
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6	7	....	....	....	69	98	167	94 18	171 85	266 03	5 00	1 00	230 44	29 59
3	2	....	....	...	9	10	19	2 35	12 90	15 25	.....	.....	15 25	.....
3	8	....	....	....	4	5	9	21 73	8 10	29 83	.....	.....	4 00	25 83
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2	4	...	....	....	27	29	56	20 99	74 37	95 36	.....	.....	78 85	16 51
2	6	....	1	....	39	58	97	63 36	108 98	172 34	.....	.....	81 37	90 97
17	15	....	....	....	26	20	46	16 56	45 38	61 94	.....	.....	48 30	13 64
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8	4	....	....	....	40	45	85	97 10	115 84	212 94	.....	.....	69 51	143 43
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Golden Leaf	377	Ursa	Adams	1 and 3 Tues	27	34	61	2	3
Bogota	378	Bogota	Jasper	Fri	15	14	29	1	3
New Excelsior	379	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	23	62	85	1	14
Home	380	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Ipava	381	Ipava	Fulton	2 and 4 Mon	....	....	....	....	....
Grand	382	Findlay	Shelby		....	....	....	....	....
Keystone	383	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Tues	34	71	105	4	13
Diamond	384	Barclay	Sangamon	2 and 4 Mon	7	21	28	3	6
Victor	385	Bushnell	McDonough	1 and 3 Thurs	28	47	75	3	10
Loyal	386	Galesburg	Knox	2 and 4 Sat	20	66	86	....	13
Carnation	387	Ellsworth	McLean	2 and 4 Tues	14	19	33	....	1
Cornell	388	Cornell	Livingston	1 and 3 Sat	22	41	63	5	1
Camp	389	Grayville	White	Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Happy Valley	390	Crab Orchard	Williamson	Tues	12	13	25	1	....
Portia	391	Astoria	Fulton	2 and 4 Fri	....	....	....	....	....
Autonomy	392	Colfax	McLean	2 and 4 Mon	35	39	74	7	5
Alta	393	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	36	89	125	19	36
Lotus	394	St. Anne	Kankakee	Mon	17	25	42	1	9
Crystal	395	Bethany	Moultrie	1 and 3 Mon	30	37	67	....	2
Fernwood	396	Fernwood	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	13	24	37	....	6
Tiskilwa	397	Tiskilwa	Bureau	1 and 3 Tues	35	39	74	6	7
Fish-Hook	398	Fish Hook	Pike	1 and 3 Wed	33	38	71	5	5
Silver Star	399	Chicago Heights	Cook	1 and 3 Fri	18	21	39	2	5
Dau'ters of Lib'ty	400	Caseyville	St. Clair	1 and 3 Tues	16	30	46	....	....
Rising Star	401	West Pullman	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	58	55	113	8	13
Cherry	402	Pecatonica	Winnebago	1 and 3 Tues	14	18	32	1	2
Williams	403	Dix	Jefferson	Mon	....	....	....	....	....
Silver Link	404	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	27	44	71	8	18
Advance	405	Joliet	Will	2 and 4 Fri	28	43	71	11	12
St. Elmo	406	St. Elmo	Fayette	Tues	18	35	53	6	9
Cheneyville	407	Cheneyville	Vermilion	2 and 4 Fri	16	12	28	....	....
Gem	408	Williamsfield	Knox	1 and 3 Fri	22	29	51	....	....
Spoon River	409	Ellisville	Fulton	2 and 4 Fri	17	17	34	....	2
Triumph	410	Champaign	Champaign	2 and 4 Mon	21	51	72	5	13
Auburn Park	411	Auburn Park	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	14	17	31	2	4
Litta	412	Foosland	Champaign	Tues	26	18	44	10	16
Iantha	413	Farmer City	DeWitt	Mon	27	40	67	21	18
Table Grove	414	Table Grove	Fulton	Fri	35	31	66	4	5
Crescent	415	Bradford	Stark	2 and 4 Mon	23	30	53	1	7
Forest Home	416	Forrest	Livingston	2 and 4 Wed	24	23	47	....	....
Mahomet	417	Mahomet	Champaign	1 and 3 Thurs	17	27	44	1	1
Garden Prairie	418	Garden Prairie	Boone	2 and 4 Wed	12	10	22	5	7
Mendota	419	Mendota	LaSalle	1 and 3 Wed	24	41	65	....	3
Maple City	420	Geneseo	McHenry	1 and 3 Fri	27	29	56	2	12
Surprise	421	Sheffield	Bureau	2 and 4 Wed	18	23	41	....	5
Peerless	422	Abingdon	Knox	2 and 4 Wed	14	33	47	2	4
Minnie Bell	423	Dixon	Lee	2 and 4 Thurs	24	31	55	9	12
West Liberty	424	West Liberty	Jasper	1 and 3 Sat	19	30	49	....	3
Wiley Prigmore	425	Spring Garden	Jefferson	Thurs	10	9	19	....	1
Vernon	426	Vernon	Marion	1 and 3 Tues	28	29	57	....	3
Allendale	427	Allendale	Wabash	1 and 3 Fri	15	22	37	....	....
Ivy Leaf	428	Oak Park	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	18	17	35	7	12
Kirkwood	429	Kirkwood	Warren	1 and 3 Tues	16	15	31	3	4
Wide Awake	430	Galva	Henry	1 and 3 Fri	22	27	49	5	12
Pleasant Hour	431	Coatsburg	Adams	2 and 4 Tues	11	13	24	....	3
Ætna	432	Brocton	Edgar	1 and 3 Tues	36	47	83	5	16
Vera	433	Birds	Lawrence	1 and 3 Thurs	16	19	35	1	1
Three Links	434	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Wed	56	56	112	5	6
Youngstown	435	Youngstown	Warren	2 and 4 Fri	23	21	44	1	2
United	436	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	30	34	64	3	5
Onarga	437	Onarga	Iroquois	1 and 3 Fri	25	35	60	5	14
Biggsville	438	Biggsville	Henderson	Tues	12	19	31	....	....
Lalla Rookh	439	Ferris	Hancock	1 and 3 Fri	27	32	59	3	5

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Brothers.	Sisters.		Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.							
8	10	....	....	1	21	26	47	$55 70	$50 90	$106 60	.....	$1 00	$50 35	$55 25
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2	3	....	....	....	29	54	83	98 42	95 55	193 97	.....	.....	70 43	123 54
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3	4	....	....	....	10	26	36	40 39	86 45	126 84	.....	.....	107 97	18 87
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6	5	....	....	1	32	37	69	134 25	164 52	298 97	.....	.....	191 26	107 51
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3	4	....	1	....	22	60	82	13 36	150 90	164 26	.....	16 00	123 43	24 83
5	6	....	1	1	10	14	24	45 10	45 23	90 33	.....	.....	80 81	9 52
10	4	....	1	....	25	30	55	23 21	78 97	102 21	.....	.....	80 43	21 78
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6	4	....	....	....	13	15	28	17 31	53 48	70 79	.....	.....	44 29	26 50
2	1	....	2	1	23	37	60	4 27	59 79	64 06	.....	.....	30 95	33 11
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1	9	....	....	....	40	54	94	.....	125 89	125 89	.....	.....	93 16	32 73
5	8	....	1	....	11	12	23	3 31	22 07	25 38	.....	.....	21 67	3 71
29	14	....	1	....	31	48	79	77 04	166 13	243 17	.....	.....	186 72	56 45
5	3	....	....	..	19	20	39	26 34	62 50	88 84	.....	.....	50 22	38 62
13	9	....	....	1	20	29	49	22 79	86 85	109 64	.....	11 20	95 57	2 87
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					Brothers.	Sisters.	Total.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Wateeka	440	Wateeka	Iroquois	1 and 3 Fri	33	48	81	3	3
Mt Carmel	441	Mt. Carmel	Wabash	1 and 3 Fri	12	28	40	4	16
Charm	442	Odell	Livingston	2 and 4 Fri	16	18	34	7	5
Chenoa	443	Chenoa	McLean	1 and 3 Fri	29	16	45	....	....
Hegewisch Star	444	Hegewisch	Cook	1 and 3 Tues	26	34	60	1	1
Pride of Lanark	445	Lanark	Carroll	1 and 3 Wed	21	51	72	7	7
Seymour	446	Seymour	Champaign	1 and 3 Tues	16	20	36	2	....
Banner	447	Downer's Grove.	DuPage	1 and 3 Tues	15	32	47	....	2
Aurora	448	Mitchellsville	Saline	Sat	22	25	47	3	1
Sweet Brier	449	Yorkville	Kendall	2 and 4 Tues	16	16	32	7	6
Unique	450	Arrowsmith	McLean	Sat	15	19	34	6	8
Merua	451	Armington	Tazewell	Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Orangeville	452	Orangeville	Stephenson	Mon	28	29	57	2	3
Fannie	453	Armstrong	Vermilion	Tues	29	32	61	5	6
Crawford	454	Heathsville	Crawford	2 and 4 Tues	18	23	41	4	3
Emerald	455	Whitefield	Bureau	2 and 4 Tues	6	7	13	1	2
Marjorie	456	Seaton	Mercer	1 and 3 Tues	11	23	34	....	....
Mecie	457	Milmine	Piatt	1 and 3 Tues	15	17	32	....	....
Neola	458	London Mills	Fulton	2 and 4 Fri	13	17	30	....	4
Garnet	459	Wapella	DeWitt	1 and 3 Tues	....	....	....	....	....
Blue Bell	460	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Tues	19	41	60	16	31
Bardolph	461	Bardolph	McDonough	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	....	....
Tennessee	462	Tennessee	McDonough	Thurs	11	24	35	8	4
Marie	463	Elliott	Ford	2 and 4 Tues	17	18	35	7	2
South Englewood	464	So. Englewood	Cook	2 and 4 Fri	20	22	42	3	6
Mistletoe	465	Batavia	Kane	2 and 4 Wed	20	30	50	5	4
Ornate	466	Elkville	Jackson	Tues	26	27	53	3	2
Mt. Vernon	467	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	Mon	13	19	32	7	7
Streator	468	Streator	LaSalle	2 and 4 Wed	18	34	52	4	21
Pride of Lake City	469	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Wed	17	26	43	5	11
Queen of the West	470	Chicago	Cook	1 and 3 Mon	12	22	34	1	1
Rochelle	471	Rochelle	Ogle	1 and 3 Tues	32	23	55	4	9
Mill Shoals	472	Mill Shoals	White	Wed	16	21	37	1	7
Roxana	473	Herscher	Kankakee	Mon	13	22	35	3	2
Princess	474	Hollowayville	Bureau	2 and 4 Tues	....	....	....	26	26
Alton	475	Alton	Madison	Thurs	....	....	....	47	54
Nile	476	Victoria	Knox	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	....	9	19
Juanita	477	Granite City	Madison	1 and 3 Tues	....	....	....	16	33
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Clifton	479	Kansas	Edgar	2 and 4 Mon	....	....	....	15	16
Patoka	480	Patoka	Marion	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	17	19
Sunshine	481	Chicago	Cook	2 and 4 Thurs	....	....	....	34	47
Colvin	482	Ciene	Wayne	Mon	....	....	....	24	34
Shannon	483	Shannon	Carroll	Tues	....	....	....	10	25
Blue Mound	484	Blue Mound	Macon	2 and 4 Tues	....	....	....	17	18
Wisdom	485	Niantic	Macon	Fri	....	....	....	12	21
Palestine	486	Palestine	Crawford	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	18	20
Baylis	487	Baylis	Pike	Fri	....	....	....	23	35
Tirzah	488	Aurora	Kane	Fri	....	....	....	45	53
Hiawatha	489	Cooksville	McLean	2 and 4 Fri	....	....	....	22	22
White Lily	490	Rinard	Wayne	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	8	13
Rising Sun	491	Smithboro	Bond	1 and 3 Mon	....	....	....	14	19
North Star	492	Capron	Boone	2 and 4 Sat	....	....	....	13	16
Dew Drop	493	Spring Valley	Bureau	2 and 4 Wed	....	....	....	16	33
Trilby	494	Grant Park	Kankakee	Thurs	....	....	....	17	11
Mary B. Stevens	495	Robinson	Crawford	Sat	....	....	....	17	31
Orient	496	Palmer	Christian	1 and 3 Tues	....	....	....	16	19
Halcyon	497	Beverly	Adams	Tues	....	....	....	16	24
Triple Tie	498	Bureau	Bureau	1 and 3 Thurs	....	....	....	17	19
Golden Star	499	Ridge Farm	Vermilion	Thurs	....	....	....	10	16
Martha	500	Johnsonville	Wayne	1 and 3 Fri	....	....	....	13	20
Tamaroa	501	Tamaroa	Perry	Wed	....	....	....	12	17
Hasletine	502	LaSalle	LaSalle	1 and 3 Mon	....	....	....	13	14

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Hesperides	503	Chrisman	Edgar	1 and 3 Mon	....	....	....	14	26
Edgiva	504	West Point	Hancock	2 and 4 Fri	....	....	....	21	22
Violet	505	Riverton	Sangamon	1 and 3 Wed	....	....	....	10	28
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Eighth report, by Bro. Brown—On Roll of Honor, commending the action of the Grand Master in "giving honor to whom honor is due," and approving same. Presented, 237 (241): adopted, 263.

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Tenth report, by Bro. Barnum—On a preamble and resolution (Doc. 33, page 219) relating to what the author considers unnecessary and extravagant expenditures by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and instructing and requesting the Illinois Representatives in that body to work and vote against similar expenditures in future. The committee find that the Representatives of this Grand Lodge have, without instructions, already accomplished much in the direction indicated, for which they deserve thanks, and recommend that they continue their efforts as suggested. Presented, 237 (242); amended and adopted, 263.

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Eleventh report, by Bro. Houser—On Rebekah Lodges instituted during the year under dispensations from the Grand Master, finding that the law has been complied with in all respects, recommending that the action of the Grand Master be approved and that charters be issued. Presented, 237 (243): adopted, 263.

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Seventeenth report, by Bro. Houser—On resolutions proposing an Endowment Fund for the support of the Orphans' and Old Folks' Homes, by small weekly contributions for a term of years, and otherwise. The committee are of the opinion that the matter is

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Twenty-third report, by Bro. Houser—On resolution relating to Dedicatory Staff of Decatur, commending action of Grand Master in inviting said staff to officiate at the dedication of the Old Folks' Home, thanking the staff for the proficient manner in which the work was done, and congratulating the jurisdiction. Presented and adopted, 273 (275).

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Forty-first report, by Bro. Barnum--On Visitations by Grand-Lodge Officers, concurring with the Grand Secretary in his conclusions, and recommending that such visitations be continued. Presented and adopted, 281 (282).

Forty-second report, by Bro. Houser--On Veteran Jewels, congratulating the recipients and encouraging the bestowal of the Jewel in all cases where the brother qualified to receive it is worthy of such recognition. Presented and adopted, 281 (282).

Forty-third report, by Bro. Barnum--On the subject of Weak Lodges, recommending measures to lessen their number. Presented and adopted, 281 (283).

Forty-fourth report, by Bro. Barnum--On petition of John Malone, of the late Kossuth Lodge. The committee find the character of the brother to be above reproach, and recommend that a card be granted. Presented and adopted, 281 (283).

Forty-fifth report, by Bro. Houser--On Condition of the Order, lamenting the loss in membership during the past year, but expressing the belief that the improved condition of affairs will conduce to

renewed prosperity; commending the action of the Grand Lodge in reducing expenses and relieving the Subordinate Lodges of a portion of their burden of taxation. Presented and adopted, 281 (284).

Forty-sixth report, by Bro. Houser—On so much of the Grand Secretary's Report as relates to Lodge Secretaries, congratulating the jurisdiction on the possession of a Grand Secretary thoroughly fitted for his work, and recommending action to minimize, so far as practicable, the evils resulting from the choice of incompetent or inefficient Secretaries by the Subordinate Lodges. Presented and adopted, 281 (284).

Forty-seventh report, by Bro. Barnum—On a communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky (given in full in the report) relating to recent action by that body on the subject of Reciprocity with contiguous jurisdictions. The committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed, in replying to the communication, to inform our Kentucky brethren that a similar law has been in force in Illinois since October 10, 1872, sending them a copy of the law. Presented and adopted, 302.

On Legislation.

First report, by Bro. George F. Howard, P.G.M.—On credentials of Representative from Lodge 694. Presented, 235; adopted, 262.

Second report, by Bro. D. R. Anderson, of No. 75—On resolution that Representatives shall not receive as mileage and per-diem more than the amount of capitation tax paid by their respective Lodges, recommending non-adoption. Presented, 235 (236); adopted, 262.

Third report, by Bro. H. C. Feltman, P.G.R.—On resolution to fix minimum fee for all Degrees in Lodges in Chicago at $20.00. The committee report that such law would be special legislation, and think it not advisable; they therefore recommend non-adoption of the resolution. Presented, 235 (236); adopted, 262.

Fourth report, by Bro. F. W. Latimer, of No. 184—On a proposed amendment to Const. G.L., Art. VI, Sec. 1. As the proposed amendment must lie over one year for action, the committee ask to be relieved from further consideration of same. Presented, 235 (236); adopted, 263.

Fifth report, by Bro. Howard—On proposed amendment to Sec. 20, Article VII, Const. Sub. Lodges, recommending the adoption of an entirely new section to take the place of the present one. Presented and adopted, 285.

Sixth report, by Bro. Howard—On proposed amendment to Sec. 19, Art. VII, Const. Sub. Lodges, recommending adoption of same. Presented and adopted, 285 (286).

Seventh report, by Bro. Anderson—On so much of the G. Master's Report as relates to Mileage and Per-Diem, recommending the constitution of a special committee to arrange for transportation of members of Grand Lodge, and report at Session of 1899 a permanent plan of transportation. Presented and adopted, 287.

Eighth report, by Bro. A. L. Fyfe, of No. 416—On so much of the G. Master's Report as relates to Biennial Sessions. The committee asks to be relieved from further consideration of the subject, as it has already been disposed of by the Grand Lodge. Presented and adopted, 287.

Ninth report, by Bro. Anderson—On resolution proposing to adopt the Annual Term for all elective officers of Subordinate Lodges. The committee deem it unwise to make such change and recommend that the resolution be not adopted. Presented and adopted, 287 (288).

Tenth report, by Bro. Howard—Recommending an amendment to Const. of Grand Lodge restoring a former clause to Section 1 of Article VIII. Presented, and laid over for consideration at the next annual session, 288.

Eleventh report, by Bro. Fyfe—On a resolution relating to Mileage and Per-Diem. The subject-matter of the resolution having already been acted on, the committee ask to be relieved from its further consideration. Presented and adopted, 289.

Twelfth report, by Bro. Anderson—On a resolution embodying an amendment to Const. of G. Lodge, Art. VI, Sec. 8. The committee ask to be relieved from further present consideration of same. Presented and adopted, 289.

Thirteenth report, by Bro. Anderson—On resolutions relating to Life and Accident Insurance, recommending repeal of sundry sections of Illinois Code and amendment to others, to take effect January 1, 1899. Presented and adopted, 289 (290).

Fourteenth report, by Bro. Howard—Recommending an amendment to By-Laws of Grand Lodge, Art. II, Sec. 11, by inserting the words "either by initiation," after the word "membership," in second line of said section. Presented, and adopted by the requisite majority, 289 (290).

Fifteenth report, by Bro. Howard—On the Grand Representatives' Report, quoting in full sundry important enactments of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session of 1898. Presented and adopted, 299.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. Howard—Reporting and recommending the adoption of an amendment to Sec. 9 of Art. X, Const. of Subordinate Lodges, to bring it into conformity with new legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Presented and adopted, 299 (300).

Seventeenth report, by Bro. Howard—On certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. The committee finds that a part of the proposed changes have been made, and asks to be relieved from further consideration of the remainder. Presented and adopted, 310.

Eighteenth report, by Bro. Howard—Containing an amended Section 1, Article VI, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, prepared in pursuance of instructions, which the committee recommend for adoption. Presented, 311; laid on the table, under ruling of the Chair that it could not be considered at this session, 313.

Nineteenth report, by Bro. Howard—Recommending that Sec. 2, Art. X, Const. of Subordinate Lodges, be stricken out, and a proposed new section be inserted in place thereof. Presented and adopted, 310.

On Finance.

First report, by Bro. Jacob Krohn—On Financial transactions of Grand Secretary's office for six months ending April 30, 1898, including Inventories of Supplies and Furniture and fixtures May 1. The

committee find that all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Grand Secretary have been properly and carefully attended to, and his methods of business meet their hearty approval. Presented, 230; adopted, 261.

Second report, by Bro. W. V. Weise—On Subordinate Lodges Delinquent in reports and capitation tax for term ending March 31, 1898. Presented, 230; adopted, 261.

Third report, by Bro. Fred B. Merrills—On Financial transactions of Grand Secretary's office for six months ending October 31, 1898, and customary inventories. The committee, as usual, find the office in good shape, and all business attended to in a systematic and careful manner. Presented, 230; adopted, 262.

Fourth report, by Bro. Weise—On Subordinate Lodges Delinquent in reports and capitation tax October 31, with a list of those which have made returns and paid tax since that date. Presented, 230: adopted, 262.

Fifth report, by Bro. Merrills—On Session Journal, recommending 2500 copies, to be bound in cloth. Presented, 232; considered, amended by striking out the words "to be bound in cloth," and adopted, 262.

Sixth report, by Bro. Merrills—On Report, Books and Papers of Grand Treasurer, giving a summary of the condition of the several funds, finding everything correct and corresponding with the G. Treasurer's Report, that the work of the office has been done in a business-like manner and the books systematically kept, and that the G. Treasurer has given the committee every assistance possible in making their investigations. The committee recommend that all cancelled vouchers be burned, and that Bro. Needles receive the thanks of the Grand Lodge. Presented, 232; adopted, 262.

Seventh report, by Bro. Krohn—On Bill of Expenses of Committee on Railroads, finding it correct and recommending payment. Presented, 232; adopted, 262.

Eighth report, by Bro. Weise—On Bill of Grand Treasurer Needles for clerk-hire, recommending that the bill be allowed and an order for the amount issued. Presented, 232; adopted, 262.

Ninth report, by Bro. Merrills—On Bill of Expenses of Committee on Printing, finding same correct, recommending that it be allowed, and an order for the amount issued. Presented, 232 (234); adopted, 262.

Tenth report, by Bro. Krohn—On proposed reduction of Salary of Grand Secretary, recommending that the resolution under consideration be not adopted, but that the salary be made $1,600, with $900 for Assistant G.Sec., and $300 for Stenographer. Presented 234; considered, amended by making the total for the three salaries $2,240, and adopted as amended, 245.

Eleventh report, by Bro. Weise—Recommending that the Bonds submitted by the Grand Secretary-elect and the Grand Treasurer-elect be approved, and be placed in the hands of the Grand Master for safe keeping. Presented and adopted, 292.

Twelfth report, by Bro. Merrills—Recommending that $40 be paid to Captain Beck, Chief Janitor, for distribution. Presented, 234; adopted, 262.

Thirteenth report, by Bro. Krohn—Recommending that $10 be paid to Bro. Mathias Blumle, for services rendered. Presented, 234; adopted, 262.

Fourteenth report, by Bro. Weise—Allowing mileage and per-diem to Bros. Keeler and Schueller, Special Guardians. Presented, amended, and adopted, 293.

Fifteenth report, by Bro. Merrills--On a resolution proposing to cut off certain items of Grand Lodge Lodge expense. The committee report that considerable reduction has already been made and propositions for further reduction are still pending, and therefore recommend that the resolution be not concured in. Presented and adopted, 294.

Sixteenth report, by Bro. Krohn—On a resolution in relation to competitive bids for the office of Grand Secretary on the basis of reduced salary. The committee are of the opinion that such action is contrary to the spirit of Odd-Fellowship, and recommend that the resolution be not concurred in. Presented and adopted, 296.

Seventeenth report, by Bro. Weise—On resolutions of Koerner Lodge, No. 756, concerning Grand Lodge expenses, recommending that they be not concurred in. Presented and adopted, 296.

Eighteenth report, by Bro. Merrills--On resolution proposing to transfer funds, recommending that it be not adopted. Presented and adopted, 296.

Nineteenth report, by Bro. Krohn—On resolution relating to Salary and Stenographer of Grand Master. The committee find that the subject-matter has already been disposed of, and ask to be relieved from further consideration of the resolution. Presented and adopted, 296.

Twentieth report, by Bro. Weise—Recommending that $10 be paid to Bro. Chas. R. Coon for services rendered. Presented and adopted, 296.

Twenty-first report, by Bro. Merrills—Recommending payment of $30 to Bro. H. F. Day for services as Assistant Secretary during the session. Presented and adopted, 296.

Twenty-second report, by Bro. Weise—On resolution relating to Salary of Matron of Orphans' Home. The committee are of opinion that the matter of such salary should be left to the discretion of the Directors of the Home, to be fixed by them. Presented and adopted, 296 (298).

Twenty-third report, by Bro. Krohn—Estimate of Receipts and Disbursements for the ensuing year, appropriating $68,576.91 to meet estimated expenses, fixing Capitation Tax at $1.00 per member, and authorizing a loan to meet the probable requirements of the next six months. Presented, 294; considered and adopted, 296.

Twenty-fourth report, by Bro. Krohn—Recommending that mileage and per-diem be allowed to the incoming Grand Chaplain. Presented and adopted, 298.

Twenty-fifth report, by Bro. Merrills—On a resolution proposing to appropriate $15,000 for the completion and furnishing of the Old

Folks' Home. The subject-matter being covered in a previous report, the committee ask to be excused from further consideration of the same. Presented and adopted, 298.

On Rebekah Degree.

First report, by Bro. Henry A. Stone, P.G.M.—On a resolution from the Rebekah Assembly in relation to Mileage and Per-Diem of Officers of that body, approving the resolution for the ensuing year only. Presented and adopted, 301.

Second report, by Bro. Willis Melville—On a resolution of the Rebekah Assembly limiting the age of children admitted to meetings of Rebekah Lodges and the Rebekah Assembly to one and one-half years, recommending approval of same. Presented and adopted, 301 (302).

On Mileage and Per Diem.

One report, by Bro. N. D. Calkins—With tabulated statement of mileage and per-diem for the session as computed by the committee. Presented, 228; adopted, 261: tabulated statement, 365.

On Railroads.

[No formal report from this committee. The result of their labors is embodied in the circular issued from the office of the Grand Secretary previous to the session. For Bill of Expenses of the committee see seventh report of Committee on Finance, page 233.]

On Printing.

First report, by Bro. John R. Camp—Giving bids and their action on same for printing the Grand Lodge Journal, the Daily Journal, and Officers' Reports, for all of which contracts were awarded to Bro. Edw. F. Hartmann, his bids being the lowest. Presented and adopted, 189.

Second report, by Bro. H. Dinkleman—Relating to bids and contract for German edition of Journal of Session of 1898, for which the Belleville Post and Zeitung Company was the successful bidder. Presented and adopted, 189 (190).

Third report, by Bro. Sven Windrow—Giving details of bids for Miscellaneous Printing, contracts for which were assigned to sundry parties. Presented and adopted, 189 (191).

Fourth report, by Bro. J. R. Kewley—Being Bill of Expenses incurred by the committee, including the preparation of the Daily Journal for the printers. Presented, and referred to Committee on Finance, 190. [See ninth report of Committee on Finance.]

Fifth report, by Bro. Camp—On a proposed amendment to Section 8 of Art. VI, Const. of Grand Lodge, abolishing the German edition of the Journal. As the proposed amendment must lie over until the next session for action, the committee ask to be excused from further consideration of same at this time. Presented and adopted, 291.

Sixth report, by Bro. Camp—On Binding the Journal of present session. The committee report that Bro. Hartmann proposes to make a reduction of $175.00 from the contract price if the entire edition is put in paper covers, or 161.00 if 2300 are in paper covers and 200 cloth-bound. They recommend that the latter proposal be accepted; that the paper-bound copies be furnished to all entitled to the Journal, with the option of having the cloth-bound instead on payment of 25 cents for each copy; and that the selling price per copy be—of the cloth-bound, 50 cents; of the paper-bound, 40 cents. Presented and adopted, 291 (292).

On Judiciary and Appeals.

For Proceedings of this committee see as follows:
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Session of May, 1898, pages 107–113.
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Board of Directors of Orphans' Home.

Sixth Annual Report, embodied in Grand Master's Report, 18–51.

Trustees of Old Folks' Home.

First Annual Report, to the Grand Master—A detailed account of their acts and doings, and of the present condition of the institution, with recommendation of an appropriation of $1,500 for proper furnishing of the Home for occupancy, 52–58.

Special Report to the Grand Lodge—Being Rules and Regulations and By-Laws for the Management of the Home. Presented, and made special order, 193–198: considered and amended, 212, 213, 215–16, 228, 249–50, 251; adopted as amended, 251–255.

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OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F.

SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

GRAND MASTERS.

DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1838	Samuel C. Pierce*	1
1839	Alexander Botkin*	2
1842	Eli Cook*	6
1843	Thomas J. Burns*	6
1844	J. C. Doremus*	6
1844	John L. Peake,* vacancy	6
1845	Thomas Alsop*	6
1846	Stevens S. Jones*	14
1847	William M. Parker*	7
1848	Charles H. Constable*	35
1849	George W. Woodward*	17
1850	D. P. Wilbanks*	19
1850	Isaac G. Wilson, vacancy	47
1851	Henry L. Rucker*	11
1852	John W. Davenport*	38
1853	William Rounseville*	14
1854	James E. Starr	2
1855	Perry A. Armstrong	75
1856	Augustus C. Marsh*	36
1857	Willis Duff Green	13
1858	Harrison W. Griswold*	30
1859	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57
1860	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1861	Henry S. Austin*	109
1862	Harman G. Reynolds*	6
1863	John G. Rogers*	22
1864	Amasa S. Barry*	2
1865	Joseph R. Scroggs*	30
1866	Henry S. Herr*	77
1867	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1868	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1869	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1870	Thomas B. Needles	37
1871	John C. Smith	17
1872	Fredolin Bross	224
1873	Thomas F. Mitchell	77
1874	Elijah B Sherman	214
1875	John H. Oberly	224
1876	Amos Henderson	4
1877	John Lake	140
1878	Alfred Orendorff	465
1879	Augustus W. Berggren	446
1880	James S. Ticknor	31
1881	Alonzo Ellwood	105
1882	Columbus A. Keller	13
1883	James R. Miller	426
1884	Enos F. Phelps	478
1885	Andrew D. Sanders	465
1886	Joseph S. Carr*	430
1887	George F. Howard	664
1888	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1889	John L Barnum	9
1890	Robert W. S. Wheatley	232
1891	Martin W. Schaefer	650
1892	Edwin S. Conway	217
1893	Henry A. Stone	562
1894	Henry Phillips	68
1895	Charles F. Mansfield	589
1896	George C. Rankin	160
1897	Cicero J. Lindly	3
1898	Melvin P. Berry	412

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1838	Alexander Botkin*	2
1839	A. W. Chenoweth	
1842	W. D. Mitchell, short term	3
1842	Christopher G. Y. Taylor	7
1843	Joseph Sturgis	7
1844	John L. Peake*	6
1844	M. F. Wickersham* vac'ncy	6
1845	Henry Gooding	3

*Known to be dead.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1845	Stevens S. Jones*	14
1846	Thomas Elmes	12
1847	Washington J. Taylor*	15
1848	Franklin Scammon*	11
1849	D. P. Wilbanks*	19
1850	Isaac G. Wilson	47
1851	Isaac S. Hicks*	4
1852	John Filkins*	9
1853	Charles P. Dunbaugh*	16
1854	Allen C. Lewis*	22
1855	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57
1856	Gustavus A Smith*	65
1857	George F. Crocker	22
1858	Harrison W. Griswold*	30
1859	John P. Foss	55
1860	Joel W. Smull*	155
1861	A. B. Austin*	91
1862	Joseph R. Scroggs*	30
1863	William W. Winter*	257
1864	John Lake	31
1865	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1866	Edward A. Rucker*	11
1867	Amos Watts*	27
1868	T. Warren Floyd*	220
1869	Thomas F. Mitchell	77
1870	Richard H. Jordan	214
1871	Samuel A. Flagler	233
1872	Washington L. Sweeney	18
1873	Albert G. Wolford*	1
1874	W. A. Welsher*	190
1875	Thomas M. Blake	259
1876	Michael W. Piggott	406
1877	Augustus W. Berggren	446
1878	Andrew T. Sherman	400
1879	Alonzo Ellwood	105
1880	James R. Miller	426
1881	Columbus A. Keller	13
1882	Enos F. Phelps	478
1883	Andrew D. Sanders	465
1884	Joseph S. Carr*	430
1885	James H. Miller	69
1886	George F. Howard	664
1887	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1888	John L. Barnum	9
1889	Robert W. S. Wheatley	232
1890	Martin W. Schaefer	650
1891	Edwin S. Conway	217
1892	Henry A. Stone	562
1893	Henry Phillips	68
1894	Charles F. Mansfield	589
1895	George C. Rankin	160
1896	Cicero J. Lindly	3
1897	Melvin P. Berry	412
1898	Leroy L. McKinley	41

GRAND WARDENS.

1838	David P. Berry	
1839	Daniel Ward	1
1842	Michael Rapp	4
1843	John L. Peake*	6
1844	M. F. Wickersham*	6
1845	M. F. Wickersham*	6
1846	William M. Parker*	7
1847	Morris Lindsay*	6
1848	John M. Law*	21
1849	J. J. Lescher	20
1850	Henry A. Foster	21
1851	David B. Jackson*	40
1852	John W. Shinn*	15
1853	Albert G. Wolford*	2
1854	William R. Lockwood	12
1855	Tyler J. Irish*	87
1856	Harrison W. Griswold*	30
1857	W. R. Weld*	59
1858	Charles E Winthrop*	97
1859	Andrew H. Marschalk*	241
1860	Lewis W. Smith	90
1861	Albert G. Lull*	22
1862	William W. Winter*	257
1863	A. J. Sprague*	232
1864	Isaac W. Baldwin*	5
1865	John A. Bush	21
1866	John A. Bush	21
1867	W. F. Kelsch	11
1868	Thomas B. Needles	37
1869	Fredolin Bross	224
1870	Charles W. Heaton	44
1871	James H. Miller	69
1872	John H Young	22
1873	Andrew T. Sherman	400
1874	Thomas M. Blake	259
1875	James F. Drish	260
1876	Augustus W. Berggren	446
1877	Robert B. Foster	89
1878	Robert K. Dewey	3
1879	Robert H. Flanigan	284
1880	Columbus A. Keller	13
1881	Enos F. Phelps	478
1882	W. W. Krape	30
1883	David L. Murdock	290
1884	Swan A. Miller	745
1885	George F. Howard	664
1886	John Schnitzer	389
1887	John L. Barnum	9

*Known to be dead.

GRAND WARDENS—*Continued.*

DATE	NAME.	NO	DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1888	W. H. Underwood, Jr.	447	1894	George C. Rankin	160
1889	Martin W. Schaefer	650	1895	Cicero J. Lindly	3
1890	Edwin S. Conway	217	1896	Melvin P. Berry	412
1891	Henry A. Stone	122	1897	Leroy L. McKinley	41
1892	Henry Phillips	68	1898	J. R. Kewley	450
1893	Charles F. Mansfield	589			

GRAND SECRETARIES.

1838	Samuel L. Miller*	1	1862	James E. Starr	269
1839	Alfred Shannon		1864	Samuel Willard	214
1842	Thomas J. Burns*	6	1869	Nathaniel Coffin Nason	109
1843	Lucien B. Adams*	8	1886	Franklin E. Huddle†	77
1846	John F. Ruhe	6	1888	George M. Adams	400
1847	Stephen A. Corneau*	6	1892 / 1898	James R. Miller	426
1856	Samuel Willard	214			

GRAND TREASURERS.

1838	John M. Krum*	2	1848	John G. Ives, vacancy	8
1839	John R. Woods*		1849	John G. Ives	8
1842	Morris Lindsay*	6	1855	James Jackson*	4
1844	Eli Cook*	6	1864	James E. Starr	2
1844	Jotham S. Rogers*	6	1867	Amasa S. Barry*	2
1844	C. G. Sanders*	6	1882	Melville C. Eames	214
1845	John L. Peake*	6	1882	James S. Ticknor	31
1846	N. W. Matheny,* declines	6	1883 / 1898	Thomas B. Needles	37
1846	John L. Peake‡	6			
1848	Herman Blakeley	21			

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.§

1846	Thomas Alsop*	6	1854	Henry S. Austin*	109
1847	Stevens S. Jones*	14	1855	Henry S. Austin*	109
1848	Horatio E. Roberts	19	1855	William Rounseville*	163
1848	Christopher G. Y. Taylor*	7	1856	James E. Starr	2
1849	John G. Potts*	5	1857	James E. Starr	2
1850	George W. Woodward*	17	1857	Perry A. Armstrong	75
1850	Stephen A. Corneau*	6	1858	Perry A. Armstrong	75
1851	George W. Woodward*	17	1858	Augustus C. Marsh*	36
1852	William Rounseville*	14	1859	Augustus C. Marsh*	36
1853	Isaac G. Wilson	47	1859	Willis Duff Green	13
1853	Henry L. Rucker*	11	1860	James E. Starr	2
1854	Henry L. Rucker*	11	1860	John G. Potts*	5

*Known to be dead.

†Expelled.

‡Appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of N. W. Matheny.

§Until 1845 inclusive, proxy representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States was permitted. In 1839, Past Grand Master Samuel Pryor, of Pennsylvania, was elected proxy Representative by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, but did not serve. At the adjourned session in April, 1849, Past Grand Master Augustus Mathiot, of Maryland, presented credentials as proxy Representative for Illinois, which were accepted, and he was also recognized in that capacity at the annual session in October following; but there is no record of his election or appointment. In 1842 and 1843 James Earnest, of New York, was elected and served as proxy Representative of Illinois. In 1844 Past Grand Master William S. Stewart, of Missouri, was elected proxy Representative, and was present at the session of that year, but not in a representative capacity. In 1845 no election for Representative was held.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	NO.
1861	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57
1861	Harrison W Griswold*	30
1862	B. J. Frank Hanna*	57
1862	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1863	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1863	Edward A. Rucker*	11
1864	Edward A. Rucker*	11
1864	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1865	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1865	John P. Foss	55
1866	John P. Foss	55
1866	Jeremiah Griswold	250
1867	Albert G. Lull*	22
1867	Samuel Willard	6
1868	Henry S. Herr*	77
1868	John G. Rogers*	22
1869	Henry S. Herr*	77
1869	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1870	Jediah F. Alexander*	3
1870	Daniel L. Shorey	22
1871	Louis Furst*	295
1871	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1872	J. Ward Ellis*	22
1872	Thomas B. Needles	37
1873	Thomas B. Needles	37
1873	John C. Smith	17
1874	John C. Smith	17
1874	Thomas B. Needles	37
1875	Thomas B. Needles	37
1875	Thomas F. Mitchell	77
1876	Thomas F. Mitchell	77
1876	Elijah B. Sherman	214
1877	Elijah B. Sherman	214
1877	John H. Oberly	224
1878	John H. Oberly	224
1878	Amos Henderson	4
1879	Amos Henderson	4
1879	John Lake	140
1880	John Lake	140
1880	Alfred Orendorff	465
1881	Alfred Orendorff	465
1881	John Lake	140
1882	John Lake	140
1882	Alfred Orendorff	465
1883	Alfred Orendorff	465
1883	John Lake	140
1884	John Lake	140
1884	Alfred Orendorff	465
1885	Alfred Orendorff	465
1885	Augustus W. Berggren	446
1886	James R. Miller	426
1886	Alfred Orendorff	465
1887	Alfred Orendorff	465
1887	James R. Miller	426
1888	James R. Miller	426
1888	Alfred Orendorff	465
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1890	James R Miller	426
1890	Alfred Orendorff	465
1891	Alfred Orendorff	465
1891	James R. Miller	426
1892	James R. Miller	426
1892	Robert W. S. Wheatley	232
1893	Robert W. S. Wheatley	232
1893	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1894	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1894	Edwin S. Conway	217
1895	Edwin S. Conway	217
1895	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1896	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1896	Edwin S. Conway	217
1897	Edwin S. Conway	217
1897	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1898	J. Otis Humphrey	465
1898	Edwin S. Conway	217
1899	Edwin S. Conway	217
1899	Cicero J. Lindly	3

*Known to be dead.

GRAND OFFICERS AND ADDRESS OF EACH.

Melvin P. Berry	Grand Master	Carthage
Leroy L. McKinley	Deputy Grand Master	Ottawa
J. R. Kewley	Grand Warden	Chicago
James R. Miller	Grand Secretary	Springfield
Thomas B. Needles	Grand Treasurer	Nashville
Edwin S. Conway	Grand Representative	Oak Park
Cicero J. Lindly	Grand Representative	Greenville
Rev. Joseph G. Wright	Grand Chaplain	Greenville
James H. Harris	Grand Marshal	Chicago
James E. Taylor	Grand Conductor	Hennepin
George E. Dieckmann	Grand Guardian	Vandalia
A. E. Peasley	Grand Herald	Terre Haute

NOTICES.

☞The next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I.O.O.F., will be held in the City of Springfield, on the third Tuesday of November, 1899, viz: the 21st day of the month, at 7 o'clock P. M.

☞The special attention of Secretaries and others is directed to the following law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That Grand Scribes and Grand Secretaries are hereby prohibited from delivering or transmitting visiting or withdrawal cards to any person whatever, or to any Encampment or Lodge, excepting upon the order in writing of an Encampment or Lodge, signed by its Scribe (in the case of an Encampment) or by its Secretary (in the case of a Lodge), and authenticated by the official seal of the Encampment or Lodge.

Also, to this law of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed not to fill any orders for supplies, for Lodges or individuals, *unless the cash accompany such order.*

Prices for supplies may be found on the reverse side of this leaf.

☞In ordering such supplies as are sent by express (see next page), give full instructions; state to what office or station, and in whose care they may be forwarded.

☞All communications intended for the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Secretary, must be addressed to the undersigned at Springfield. The Grand Secretary's office is in the Odd Fellows' Bulding, cor. Monroe and Fourth streets.

JAMES R. MILLER,
Grand Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Prices of I. O. O. F. Supplies and Regulations.

The following articles are kept at the office of the Grand Secretary for sale. The Journals of the G. L. of Illinois and of the Sov. G. L. I.O.O.F., Digests, Codes, Book of Forms, Book of Odes, Anniversary and Funeral Ceremonies and Diplomas are sold to individuals: the other articles must be ordered for Lodges, under seal, with payment accompanying the order.

	Each
Visiting Cards, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge	$ 25
Withdrawal Cards, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge	25
Dismissal Certificates, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge	25
Odes, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge	05
Odes, Anniversary	05
Funeral Hymns and Responses	05
Odes with Music, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge	10
Book of Odes—both Sub. and Reb. Lodge—with Music	65
Diplomas, less than 10	75
Diplomas, 10 or more at one time	60
Diplomas for Ladies, members of Rebekah Lodges	25
Book of Forms	1 00
Rituals, Subordinate Lodge	2 50
Rituals, Rebekah Lodge	2 50
Memorial and Decoration Ceremony	25
Anniversary Ceremony	25
Funeral Ceremony, Subordinate Lodge	25
Funeral Ceremony, Rebekah Lodge	25
Journal, Sov. G. L., I.O.O.F., Vols. I to XVIII inclusive	2 00
Journal, G. L. of Illinois, Sessions of 1881 to '93, and '98 (paper covers)	40
Journal, G. L. of Illinois, Sessions of 1894, '95, '96, '97 and '98—cloth-bound	50
Book of Petitions for Membership, Sub. or Reb., 100 Petitions	75
Question Book, 150 Sets of Questions	1 50
Official Certificates, for either Sub. or Reb. Lodge, book of 100	1 00
Degree Charts	2 25
Digest, Sov. Grand Lodge, to 1895	3 00
Digest, Illinois, or "Code of 1896"	2 00
Floor Work for Subordinate or Rebekah Lodges	40
Installation Floor Work for Rebekah Lodges	40
Veteran Jewels (25 years' continuous membership)	4 00
Rebekah Veteran Jewels (15 years' continuous membership)	4 00
Honorable Veteran Jewel (50 years' continuous membership)	50 00

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Fraternally, JAMES R. MILLER,
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